

RALLY AT LAHONTAN STATE RECREATION AREA, SILVER SPRINGS

AIRSTREAMER-EXTRA EXTRA EDITION

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hello all,

Today I want to share some camping and travel places with you and I invite you to tell us your unusual or favorite places so we can share them in our newsletter and incorporate some of them in our rally schedule for 2021; with all the changes in our lifestyle this year we can use your help finding places to go. It is so crowed everywhere.

Near the end of August we traveled to the Sheldon National Wildlife Preserve in northwest corner of Nevada near the Idaho Border and camped at Virgin Valley Campground. It is a long drive, over 300 miles east to Winnemucca, then north on US 95 and northwesterly on NV-140; take extra gas. Best to fill up in the town of Orovada before going up 95. The camp has services and is dirt. I liked the camp and easy to get to with many open site to pick from. From the camp lots of roads less traveled and Opal mines. You can pay a fee and dig Opal at some of the mines. Good fishing with many ponds. The camp ground has a very, very nice hot spring 90 degrees. About 4 feet deep and 20 feet around. Nice swimming and great place to sit and read a book in the shade. I think it's a bit far for a rally site but would fit our group and be an adventure. Editor says it's only 300+/- miles from Reno, doesn't seem too far!

In mid September I camped overnight at one of our rally sites by Austin, NV. The Hickison Petroglyphs. It was on a Tuesday and we had tried 2 other Forest Service campgrounds on the way there and found them full. There was only one site open at Austin so we took it and stayed at Hickison. We could not level the trailer; got it to 3% front to back. I found at least 2 camps were long term campers from California. Very nice people. In the morning we went to Austin and found the RV parks were all full so we stayed one more night. In the morning we headed East for some repairs; a flat tire and no place to fix it in Austin area meant we could not explore the many interesting places on dirt roads around Austin. More about the flat tire to follow.

About the tire, coming from Reno towards Austin there is a sign "Earthquake Faults 6 miles". I have passed it many time so this time we went to see it. About ½ way there got a flat tire on my truck. While changing the tire the only other person on the road came by and said he got 2 flats tires on that road and was able to fix one. He just hoped to make it back to the highway. That is when Carmen told me "didn't you see the sign no RV's or Trailers". The road is one and ½ lanes wide so no turning back. Over the next 3 miles we stopped often to throw all the sharp rocks off road. Very slow trip with lots of walking. At the fault there is not much to see and the turn around area was small so we went back and forth many times to make the turn around. We damaged the side wall on another tire going out. Only place to get a tire was in Elko and it had to be ordered and took three days to get.

I did 3 days of ATV camping the 3rd week of September west of Mt Rose and even on those bad roads and trails by the time I came down to Verdi on Friday many Jeeps and ATV's were coming up.

At the October Lahontan Rally we'll hold a brief business meeting to discuss all the changes and get everyone's ideas on the table. We'll also solicit nominations for our officer, board member and appointed positions; elections will be delayed to the month of November. Bring your ideas, thoughts, travel experiences and work ethic to Lahontan.

Regards, Gene and Carmen

LAHONTAN RALLY IS ON! THURSDAY OCTOBER 15TH - SUNDAY THE 18TH - The Sierra Nevada Unit will host its October Rally in one week at Lahontan State Recreation Area, Beach 7. We invite our SNU members and friends to share the weekend with us. The entrance to Lahontan is located off East Fir Street in Silver Springs, NV in Churchill Valley about 2 miles E of US-95.

Sierra Nevada Unit Board

- **Gene Baleme**, *president*
- **Dyann McDonald Thornburg**, *secretary*
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- **Randy Grossman**, *trustee*
- **Don Williams**, *membership chair & newsletter editor*
- ***all links clickable***

The SNU visited Lahontan in 2018 finding the water levels much higher than in the past. They may be lower because of summer heat and water demand (Lahontan is used for agriculture) however there is ample camping space between the dispersed camping at Beach 7 and the campground just prior to it.



The Nevada State Parks website at: http://parks.nv.gov/parks/lahontan says "Named after an ancient lake, Lahontan Reservoir was originally built as part of an irrigation project to water nearby farmlands. With willows and cottonwoods scattered along 69 miles of shoreline, the park is one of most popular places in Nevada to boat, fish, water-ski, horseback ride, camp and enjoy the outdoors year-round. Canoeing from Fort Churchill to the lake makes for a great day trip when conditions allow. Wild horses, bobcat, fox and deer share the park with a variety of birds, including migratory waterfowl, pelicans, herons, egrets and hawks. Lahontan is also a nesting site for bald eagles."

Even with some many natural resources to explore, SNU members will be available to recommend maintenance and repairs for your Airstream trailers and RVs that should be completed over the winter for the coming 2021 rally and travel season and some may break Saturday morning for a trip to nearby Buckland Station, the historic Pony Express stop.

Lahontan is only 50+ miles from Reno and weather is going to be almost perfect, mid 70s daytime, low 40s at night and no chance of rain (at the moment) so join us even if only for the day. Our evenings may not include meals or a potluck dinners but instead may be grouped around a campfire to maintain social distancing.

Remember there are day use and camping fees at Lahontan ($5 & $15 per day) but it's likely our rally Kitty donation will be waived so it's the perfect weekend to come out. Nevada residents can use their yearly Annual Entrance Permit or All Access Permit to eliminate some or all of the fees.

RSVP with president Gene Baleme or SNU Membership Chair, Don Williams, at snu157@wbcci.net by Wednesday , October 14th.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

2021 WBCCI memberships and renewals for the Sierra Nevada Unit are running slow but among them are new affiliate members **Tom & Teresa Tighe** are also members of the Central Coast California Airstream Club; they have been house hunting in the Reno area so make sure to welcome them when you get a chance. Also welcome renewing members Susie Brown #5701, Dean Eveland #2916, Anita Leipper #1183 and Dyann McDonald and Jerry Thornburg #2297.

It's "**Tag Your It**" for the rest of our membership and friends, **Remember to Renew**!

20 YEARS AGO - http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/news/archives/00oc-snu-nwsltr.pdf

One and one half pages this month, the October 2000 n*ewsletter* reflected on the September luncheon at Grandma Hatties's with 18 people in attendance and reported nominations for next year's officers (*editor note, volunteer to help your Unit)*, the upcoming board meeting to plan the 2001 rally and event schedule and Octobers brown bag luncheon ay Bowers Mansion Park. Dale Leipper was recovering from hip surgery and member's birthdays were reported.

10 YEARS AGO - http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2010/10news/10oct-snu-nwsltr.pdf

The 2010 October reported on a great September turnout at one of our favorite rally sites, Obsidian Dome dispersed site north of Mammoth Lakes; at least 16 in attendance including a nearby tent camper. One of the highlights was Jim and Barbara Duff's Dutch Oven cooking; bacon and eggs for breakfast, Chicken Cacciatore with home grown basil and vegetables with biscuits on top for supper! Certainly Saturday's shared meal was a highlight; enchiladas and other chicken dishes, salads and goodies plus for dessert they had ice cream with fresh peaches.

October's rally at, you guessed it, Lahontan, was showcased along with planning for the SNU 35th anniversary celebration at By the Lake Campground and dinner tour at Zephyr Cove, in 2011. Also featured was an extra added rally at Death Valley's Mesquite Spring Campground for November.

Renewal of WBCCI International Dues for 2011 were solicited, a familiar refrain!

LASSEN AND LAHONTAN PHOTO GALLERIES











SNU Members On-the-Road II During COVID

No movement for our SNU on-the-road members during the last month; stay tuned for more in a coming issue!

2021 WBCCI International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee Registration is Open

It's Time for Family – Fun – Music in Lebanon, Tennessee

Registration is now OPEN for the 64th Annual Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. The Rally is set for July 17 to July 24, 2021.

Join us in the beautiful city of Lebanon, Tennessee, located in Wilson County. Only 30 minutes east of Nashville with a ton of amazing things to do in the area. Here you will find friendly faces, historical places, endless shopping, diverse dining, distilleries, wineries, beautiful lakes, state parks, and outdoor adventure, just to name a few.

Rally fees are $265 per RV on-site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-out. $125 per adult, $40 for youth 13 to 17 and kids under 12 are free. Keep an eye out for more information Sign up today to reserve your spot by visiting airstreamclub.org/Lebanon.

Hope to see you there!
Andrew Selking
International President

Wally Byam's Creed

- ✦ To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.
- ✦ To provide a more satisfying, meaningful way of travel that offers complete travel independence, wherever and whenever you choose to go or stay.
- ✦ To keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands… of rediscovering old places and new interests.
- ✦ To open a whole world of new experiences… a new dimension in enjoyment where travel adventure and good fellowship are your constant companions.
- ✦ To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel fun and personal expressions.
- ✦ To lead caravans wherever the four winds blow… over twinkling boulevards, across trackless deserts… to the traveled and untraveled corners of the earth.
- ✦ To play some part in promoting international goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.
- ✦ To refine and perfect our product by continuous travel-testing over the highways and byways of the world.
- ✦ To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end… and thus make your travel dreams come true.

Wally Byam

Don Williams, Newsletter Editor, kd6uvt@wbcci.net — "What do you want to be in life, a spectator or a participant?"

Practice up while you are sequestered at home for next week's SNU Rally Bingo at Lahontan (next page), courtesy of SNU member Diane Leipper.

SNU Rally Bingo

X the Squares for your card at your next SNU Rally				
Attended SNU Rally in the Snow!	Anyone in your group gets 10 or more bug bites.	Got some Nevada Desert pin striping on the way to a rally.	Seen a bear or rattlesnake at a rally site!	You witness someone (Jerry) using gasoline to start the campfire!
Have helped to clean up a campground to leave it better than we found it.	Usually attend at least 4 SNU rallies a year!!!!	Invited a guest to attend an SNU rally.	Done unplanned repair or maintenance work on your rig while at a rally!	BBQ'd hamburgers in a blizzard!
Had to take shelter under awnings for potlucks in the rain (snow)!	Soaked in nearby hot springs while at a rally.	FREE	Found a new rally site that was added to the rally schedule.	Always have a few solar lights to decorate your campsite.
Got stuck or lost getting to the rally site.	Forgot to bring extra blankets or jackets to keep warm.	Ran out of water or sprung a leak.	Attended a rally that you DIDN'T NEED any leveling blocks to level your rig!	Explored nearby historic sites while at a rally.
Vault toilet at Campground but NO toilet paper!!	Ran out of Propane or had trouble with your rig's batteries while at a rally!	Been to an SNU rally where there were more pets than people.	Have more than two pink flamingos decorating your campsite.	Always had a great time with Great People!

For more info on the Sierra Nevada Unit go to: sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/ , Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI on Facebook or email us at: snu157@wbcci.net . (all photos courtesy of sierranevadaairstreams.org)