

Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival

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In October 2019, Holly and Ron Jorgensen and Jeanne and Keith Lund traveled with their Airstreams in tow up to Sun Valley, Idaho. We ventured there to attend Region 10's Fall rally that is held every October in conjunction with the annual Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival. What a great time we had!

Each couple travelled separately and left a day early before the rally was to begin. The plan was to meet up at the rally campground at about the same time. Jeanne and Keith travelled through Wells, Nevada and overnighed at Cactus Pete's RV park in Jackpot Nevada which is about 55 miles due south of Twin Falls, Idaho. This was great as they were able to play 18 holes of golf at Jackpot's Golf Club which is a fun and challenging course. Holly and Ron travelled up through western Idaho and camped overnight at Heyburn Riverside Park which is right on the banks of the mighty Snake River. They said the campground was very scenic and spacious.

Upon arriving in Hailey, we found the rally campground at the base of The Sun Valley Ski Resort at River Run Lodge. It was dry camping with very beautiful accommodations such as showers, coffee kiosk, cocktail lounge and a small store within the lodge which was a short walk from the campground. The gorgeous Wood River ran right along the campground and was wonderful to listen to the running water at night. The Rally host's, Bob and Darlene Caldwell, were extremely organized. Each camping spot was chalked off and very roomy. They greeted each of us upon arrival and had packets with information about facilities, the music festival schedules and locations and the schedule for the shuttle buses to take us to the various music venues in Hailey.



There was a varied amount of music every day and evening right at River Run Lodge which made it easy to come and go between trailers and concerts. We soon learned that the music festival was more than just jazz. It was an eclectic festival of 33 different

bands or trios or solo artists spread over 5 days and 11 different venues. All kinds of music from Blues, to Cajun, Zydeco, New Orleans R&B, Western style Swing, Gypsy Jazz, and the US Coast Guard Dixie Band. It had it all. Many of the venues had dance floors and they got quite a work out! They even had free dance lessons every day to learn Swing Blues, Balboa, Line Dance or Lindy Hop. Great fun.

[Editor's note: Jeanne, Keith, Holly & Ron will again be attending the 2021 Sun Valley Jazz Festival, October 13-17, 2021 in Ketchum, Idaho. We're hoping several UWAC members & music enthusiasts join us and the rest of the Airstreamers attending this 2021 Region 10 rally. Note that the 2020 festival was cancelled due to COVID-19.]

2021 Festival Registration



Region 10 will announce their rally registration process at a later date; rally fees are expected to be minimal (likely \$15 per person or so.) UWAC will share this info. with its members once it is available. Region 10 hosts for the 2021 SVJF rally will again be Bob & Darlene Caldwell. Rally fees will be paid separately from Jazz Festival event tickets / RV reservation fees. UWAC will not be having a separate registration process, but if you are a UWAC member planning to attend, please let us know by email at ron.holly.jorgensen@gmail.com. RV lot is dry-camping in a ski parking area; generators are permitted except during overnight quiet hours.



Ticket sales at the 2021 Sun Valley Jazz Festival will be limited, so advanced purchase is advised. Here's the link to the event website to make advanced purchase of tickets for the 2021 Sun Valley Jazz Festival and RV lot reservations (note you need to select each separately on the website):

Event Website: <https://jazz.ticketspice.com/sun-valley-jazz-festival-2021>

Join us October 13-17, 2021 in Sun Valley, Idaho. 5-Day General Admission Pass \$175 (after 12/31/20 \$185) plus tax. Because of the uncertainty caused by the pandemic, ticket sales will be limited to a total of 1,500 five-day general admission passes. All music venues will be in the Sun Valley Village. RV parking available at River Run Lodge for \$50 for the event.