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SCAGLIONE #9264**  
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THE 15TH**

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**PRESIDENT’S LETTER**

Greetings from chilly northern Nevada!

In 1976, the Sierra Nevada Unit became an official unit of WBCCI. At the end of the 2023 camping season, we had 8 rigs overnighting at the Walker River State Recreation Area, bringing the SNU’s existence to 47 years. A huge thank you to those that have served and contributed by taking an active role or just simply joining a rally or luncheon. A lot of great memories and adventures! And a thank you to those taking an active role in 2024 (see more in this newsletter for names/positions). For more information about the SNU, please see the [SierraNevadaairstreams.org](http://SierraNevadaairstreams.org) website. Another huge thank you to the Leippers for their ownership and upkeep of their site - it’s really amazing!

With our Airstream winterized and parked in the backyard, we (and many SNU members) turn our attention to shared luncheons! Please join Brian and I at our house for lunch Wednesday, November 15, 11:30am. Please RSVP on the Facebook page, or by contacting me at 775.771.2313 (call or text), or [renoroots@sbcglobal.net](mailto:renoroots@sbcglobal.net) . I’ll make sure all those attending receive our address (Reno). As in the past, there will be fun ‘airstream’ prizes for attendees (no-cost raffle) and desserts befitting an airstream owner.

Lastly, a rally schedule has been drafted for the 2024 season. The SNU focus is low cost, unstructured (often boondocking or dry camping) 3 day events typically running from Thursday through Sunday. Programming is informal, allowing participants to make their own choices about extracurricular activities while at the rally. Brian & I usually have our bicycles and/or kayaks, and have been know to search wide and far for some of those elusive Nevada hot springs - or wild horses. Friday and Saturday evenings involve a potluck dinner - and trust me, the food is excellent and NO ONE goes hungry! We also enjoy sharing tips and tricks on anything airstream and travel related. There’s always someone to help. I hope to see you soon at a luncheon and at a rally in 2024!

Cheers! —Jeni Root



**CRUNCH TIME FOR CLUB SUPPORT & SERVICE OVER**

SNU members need to thank those that **RAISED THEIR HAND** or didn’t jerk it back when someone else grabbed it! Your 2024 officers are:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| President      | Brian Root      |
| Secretary      | Susie Brown     |
| Treasurer      | Jeni Root       |
| Trustee        | Jerry Thornburg |
| Trustee        | Bill Swirsky    |
| Past President | Jeni Root       |

Appointed positions:

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| Membership Chair  | Don Williams |
| Newsletter Editor | Don Williams |

*president Jeni Root #6376*

**Sierra Nevada Unit Board**  
**Jeni Root, president**  
**Susie Brown, secretary**  
**Gail Williams, treasurer**  
**Jerry Thornburg, trustee**  
**Bill Swirsky, trustee**  
**Gene Baleme, Past President**  
**Don Williams, membership chair & newsletter editor**  
*all blue links are clickable*

## NOVEMBER SNU LUNCHEON - 11:30 AT JENI & BRIAN ROOT'S HOME

No need to bring anything ...menu still TBD (depends on weather, if it's a cold spell, we'll go for lasagna - if it's a warm we'll go another direction). 11:30am; 2200 Barnes Blvd, Reno, NV 89509. **RSVP please (text or call - 775-771.2313).** Airstream-themed prizes will be awarded (via raffle) to attendees.



## SNU MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON CORINA SCAGLIONE

This month we focus our Spotlight on Corina Scaglione WBCCI #9264. Corina offers a unique perspective on winter Full Timing in her Airstream at one of the full service RV parks in Bishop, CA. Once you read Corina's story you won't be surprised that her camping holidays typically involve off grid tent/hammock camping rather than the luxury of her Airstream.

Greetings Fellow Airstreamers and Sierra Nevada Members

I'm not long in the tooth when it comes to Airstreaming, I've only owned my coach since 2019 but I've learned a lot over the nearly 4



years. I currently live in Bishop, CA in my Airstream.

Before moving to Bishop, I lived in Pismo where I didn't have to contend with weather extremes; I lived comfortably using a space heater. The two years before moving here, I only used the furnace approximately 5 times (2x in Montana, where I bought the trailer, and maybe 3x on the coast when it fell below freezing). Moving to Bishop was going to change everything.

This is a short story about winterizing in the Sierra Nevada. Bishop is not known for extreme winters, yet it does get very cold and occasionally does snow. Last year was my second winter here and was by far unusual. Case in point, I measured approximately 6" of snow with drifts that exceeded 1'. The previous year we only had a dusting of snow. The temperatures at night in both years fell into the low teens to upper single digits. We are not allowed skirting so there is no way to protect the underbelly.

In my first year, I took a careful, yet observant approach. I educated myself by researching old posts, asked questions, and followed my woman's intuition...if you know you know ☺

That first year, I would turn on the water heater for about 90 minutes (8 pm to 9:30ish), then before bed, I would turn off the water heater, disconnect and bring my hoses inside, and turn off city water; I use the RV park showers/bathroom so did not need water in the morning (I

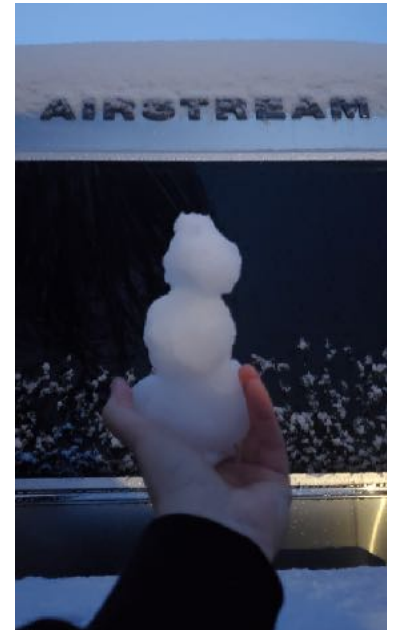
keep gallon jugs of water handy). I used a space heater and set my furnace to 55 degrees and opened all the cabinets and drawers. Once the furnace would kick on, I turned off the space heater. On extremely cold nights, I turned the furnace up to 58-62 and drained the holding tanks.

On 3 separate occasions in the early morning that year, I observed other resident's trailers with water leaking from them, one of which was an Airstream. Not a good feeling.

Having watched others have flooding in their trailers the previous winter, including the Airstream, I changed my approach.

Last year was the big winter of 22/23 where Mammoth recorded 800" of snow and the temperatures were very cold in Bishop. It was predicted to be a rough winter and I wasn't going to take any chances despite 'surviving' the winter before. I used this approach last year and will again this winter.

This is my current winterizing



technique. I understand everyone has opinions and Airstreams are well-built but since I'm full-time in my coach, I cannot have any malfunctions, especially in the winter so I took a much more conservative approach.

I drain the hot water tank, open the low-point drains and get all the water out of the trailer. I open all faucets, including the outside shower (I removed the exterior shower hose the first year and never reattached it), drain the holding tanks, and raise the front jack to pull all the water to the back. I leave the low-point drains open for a few days. By the time I'm finished, there is no water in the trailer, and if there is it's, trace amounts. I do not blow out the lines nor do I add antifreeze. I drain all the water before the big overnight freezes and since the days are warm, coupled with using the furnace, the pipes are naturally drying out. Surprisingly, I remove all the Reflectix from the windows except for what I have on my door! The furnace creates moisture on all the windows when the Reflectix is in place, so I eliminate that issue by removing it. I do open all the curtains in the morning to allow sunlight in to warm the coach while I'm at work. That way I don't have to run the furnace while I'm out

Is it more than necessary, probably.

Is this inconvenient, occasionally.

Do I sleep at night without worry, yes.

Corina



**SIERRA NEVADA UNIT MEMBER NEWS**

Welcome new and returning members:

- David Besancon #6123
- David & Maggie Douglas #8034
- Kim & Brian England #5317
- Ariel Feir & Walter Cartwright #21289
- Douglas Fitzgerald #12105
- Greg & Barbara Heffington #11556
- Bob & Nancy Kirksey #12486
- Colburn & Deborah Shindell #7404
- Stephanie & Bryan Sprague #5457
- Bill & Mary Swirsky #29290
- Tom & Teresa Tighe #3662
- Nola Williams & Thomas Booze #11364

**WBCCI BREAKING NEWS & RUMORS FROM HEADQUARTERS**

**Remember to Renew** - those with memberships expiring between now and December 31st should log on to the [AirstreamClub.org](http://AirstreamClub.org) website with your email address and password and renew before the end of the year to avoid losing benefits, information and the Blue Beret magazine. Can't find the right email address, contact your SNU newsletter editor for help.

**From Blue Beret Blog's President's Corner - Treasure Hunt to Sedalia** [blog.airstreamclub.org](http://blog.airstreamclub.org);

As we enjoy the fall colors and smell of the wine grape harvest here in wine country, we found our first "National Humane Alliance fountain" – we expect this "treasure hunt" to be part of the Airstream travel contests to Sedalia for Rally 2024 next fall, so getting a head-start:



The National Humane Alliance fountains are a series of granite drinking fountains distributed by the National Humane Alliance, intended to provide fresh drinking water for horses, dogs, cats, and people. About

125 fountains were donated to cities throughout the United States and Mexico between 1902 and 1915. Most fountains have been removed from their original sites, usually in the center of busy intersections, but at least 70 are still publicly viewable. Follow for more details.

**SNU CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**November SNU Luncheon; 11:30 Wednesday Nov 15th** - Jeni & Brian Root's home; no need to bring anything ...menu still tbd (depends on weather, if it's a cold spell, we'll go for lasagna - if it's a warm we'll go another direction). 11:30am; 2200 Barnes Blvd, Reno, NV 89509. **RSVP please (text or call - 775.771.2313)**. Airstream-themed prizes will be awarded (via raffle) to attendees.

**December SNU Luncheon; TBA**

**January SNU Luncheon** -Saturday Jan 20th; TBA

**February SNU Luncheon** - Saturday Feb 10th /24th; TBA

**March Washoe Lake Rally 14th** - Thursday March 14th to Sunday the 17th; hope and pray for a warm Spring!

**PLAN AHEAD FOR REGION AND INTERNATIONAL RALLIES!**

**2024 REGION 12 RALLY**

*Save the Date* **RR24**



The Region 12 Planning Committee is pleased to announce details for the 2024 Region Rally!

**September 11-15, 2024**  
**Tri-County Fairgrounds,**  
**Bishop, CA**

Mark your calendars and look for registration information through your email after this year's Region Rally.

**67TH (OCTOBER 2024) WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY, SEDALIA, MO**, Saturday October 5th to the 11th; The 2024 International Rally will be held at the Missouri State Fairgrounds, 2503 W 16th St, Sedalia, MO, 65301. <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024> .

**REALLY REALLY LONG RANGE PLANNING - 68TH WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY, YORK, PA**, Friday August 23rd to the Wednesday the 28th, 2025. The 68th International Rally will be held in the 87-acre York Expo Center, August 23 – 28, 2025, with a potential for 1200 campsites with connection to power/water and additional options for boondocking; <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/2025-68th-international-rally-press-release/> .

**WALKER RIVER ANNIVERSARY RALLY REPORT**



A great weekend at Walker River SRA for the last SNU rally of 2023. The weather was perfect. We did have some stormy skies Friday afternoon and even a little thunder but nothing came of it. We had 8 rigs at the rally including new SNU members, Dave and Wendy from Susanville. In





in addition to Dave and Wendy, we had Brian & Jeni, Bill & Mary, Jerry & Dyann, Susie, Gene & Carmen, Bryan & Diane and their cousin, Karen.

Several people took advantage of the great weather to do some exploring. Brian and Jeni took a couple of bike rides. They even came across a herd of antelope. I think Wendy and Dave also did some bike riding. Bill and Mary took a jeep ride over the hills towards Walker Lake. Susie took some long walks with her dogs. Jeni held a short Business Meeting after dinner on Saturday. We all enjoyed the fall scenery at Walker and just getting a chance to visit and catch up with each other.

Thursday dinner was KFC provided by Dyann & Jerry. We had shared potluck dinners on Friday and Saturday. Needless to say, with all of us contributing dishes we had enough variety and food to keep us from starving anytime soon. We also had some home grown produce to sample

or take home. Susie brought a big basket of



of 3 different pies for dessert at our Saturday shared dinner. Wendy contributed a buttermilk coconut pie and a pecan pie with walnut crust. Mary contributed an apple pie with ice cream to go with it. Diane contributed an apple pudding cake Friday night and a German apricot cake for Saturday.



All in all beautiful weather, nice campground, good food, good friends and good times.

— Diane Leipper

**EDITOR'S WALKER RIVER P.S.**

*Wow, with all the early hype you wonder where the SNU editor & membership chair and his wife Gail were! Well, it was finally our turn. Two weeks before Walker we got COVID. It was mild for both of us (Gail thinks I brought it home and gave it to her) but it took the energy out of us. Five days out from the rally we were healthy, kind of, but still no energy to pack the truck and trailer. From what I hear, a special thanks to new members Dave and Wendy; they contributed rally locations for 2024, and in my and Gail's absence, more than their share of food for the potlucks. Great to hear they made the rally.*



*I want to thank everyone for having the best weekend without us, especially given the circumstances of another SNU member family's tragedy during that time.*

**AIRSTREAMER AUGUST LOOK BACKS, 20 & 10 YEARS AGO**

***(CLICK THE BLUE LINKS TO BE TRANSPORTED BACK IN TIME!)***

The **November 2003 SNU 'Airstreamers'** newsletter featured:

- Report on the September Davis Creek Ranch Rally - 2004 officers elected and Rally schedule finalized.
- Upcoming November Thanksgiving Lake Lahontan Rally, water side at Beach 7.
- December Holiday meeting and potluck at Dan & Mary Lou Damoth's home.
- 68 Overlander is still being offered for sale!

The **November 2013 Airstreamer** newsletter covered:

- October's Crocker Rally review; mornings and afternoons were sunny, warm and clear; some showers Saturday night.
- Gene and Carmen described work at their property near Spring Creek, NV. <<future rally location? editor>>
- 2014 Officers approved by those in attendance.
- Reminder for the November Death Valley Rally hosted by Don & Gail Williams.
- Upcoming November Luncheon at the Carolina Kitchen in Sparks, NV.
- Wheels "Prez Meanderings" - upcoming Lodi, CA Region 12 Rally, Hobo Rally in Blythe, CA, 2014 International in Gillette, WY and the 2014 Region Rally in Pahrump, NV.
- The Leippers noted two sets of Courtesy Parking Visitors in September, Paul & Pat Buescher from Portland, OR and Bruce & Ronda McComb from the Washington Unit. Coincidentally, both were headed to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally in New Mexico. Other SNU members offering Courtesy Parking being the Thornburgs, Wheelers, Roots. <<for current day add SNU members Shindell, Swirsky, Tighe & Williams - editor>>



Walker River Rally

