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## Message from our President

Greetings to all. 2020 is definitely a year of change. How everything will change is yet to be seen. My main concern is that you, your family and our Airstream family will be safe and spared from the Coronavirus.

Mona Heath, International President requests you visit the following web site: <https://airstreamclub.org/covid> This site has information regarding ALL club communications relative to COVID-19 and impact on Club activities.

At this moment our schedule for the remainder of the year is on hold. Many of us were excited about the rally scheduled for Johnson City. Becky Blackhall and Peggy Knox were excited about doing an Insta-pot demonstration. Joe Long and Gayle Ketchum were excited about being back in Texas and attending. The rally in Mason was about to be finalized. Doug and Sheryl Wylie were excited about hosting. For those of us who had not been there in several years we were excited about returning. Excitement about the Region and International Rally were high.

Remember the show called Dragnet with Sgt. Joe Friday? "Just the facts, mam" I think is what he said. I find myself saying this as I listen to all the speculation. (Am showing my age here.)

Hopefully we will be able to reschedule our rallies for the fall. Dr. Anthony Fauci believes the virus will return in the fall. Am curious to see if it will survive our Texas summer.

Please take time to complete the survey Bob Grimes did. He did an excellent job. Your input is important.

Our Birthday and Anniversary lists needs to be updated from several members (you know who you are). If you do not see your information listed please take a moment and email it to me.

As we face the challenges ahead please stay safe and stay in touch.

Joane



## TEXAS HILL COUNTRY Unit #104 MEMBER SURVEY

Prior to the end of 2019, I asked the Unit Officers their opinion on sending out a Member Survey. My reasoning was simple.....what do we need to do as a Unit to promote greater participation in Unit activities? As of this date, the Unit has 44 active members, and 4 affiliate members. What "bothers" me is that participation in Unit rallies (at least those I have attended) at best averages 6-10 rigs, or 14-22% of Unit membership. Most of those attendees are the same members rally to rally, though there appears to be an uptick in new member participation recently. I believe the most highly attended event is the annual luncheon. We have loyal members who continue to renew, new members joining yearly, and we've had several transfer to other Units in the past few years. Why is our attendance / participation low? That's the purpose of this hopefully brief survey; what are we doing or not doing right, and how can we improve to enhance participation. The questions are a composite of thoughts from several folks. PLEASE take the time to answer and respond. And if you have thoughts, comments or suggestions not encompassed in the questions, please share!

1. When was the last time you participated in a Unit Rally? If you haven't, why not?
2. Rallies typically start on Thursday and end on Sunday. Does this scheduling work for you?
3. For Rallies you have attended, have you been pleased with planned activities such as touring local sights , lunches, shopping and the like?
4. What is your opinion of on-site activities at the Rally park? Playing games such as Mexican Train or Balloon Volleyball, or Standard Dominos? Do you enjoy these, not enjoy these, wish there were other options (and if so, what other options?).
5. What is your opinion of Rally site (town) selections? Too far to go? Too rural? Too boring? What is ideal for you?
6. What is your opinion of the parks typically scheduled for Rally sites?
7. Evening meals are typically "heavy appetizers". Would you prefer more standard meals and be willing to contribute?
8. What is your thought on having a scheduled Unit Caravan? How far in advance would you need notice to be able to participate?
9. If you are not presently in a Unit leadership or committee role, are you willing to serve?
10. Sunday mornings have typically included prayer and bible readings. Personally, I am not a religious person. What are your thoughts on this Sunday morning practice?
11. What are your thoughts on a "themed" Rally.....maybe one around a holiday like St. Patrick's Day. Or a cooking Rally with your best recipe for SPAM? Would quirky events like this entice you to attend?
12. I don't know about participation levels with surrounding Units such as Highland Lakes or Alamo. Would you participate in a Rally done in conjunction with another Unit? Is this worth pursuing?

PLEASE take the time to respond. Make a list numbered 1-12 and submit your answers to Bob Grimes at [jrgrimes@flash.net](mailto:jrgrimes@flash.net). I will remove respondent names in reporting results. The Unit is only as good as we make it. Please include any helpful thoughts, observations, recommendations not contemplated above.



Happy birthday to...

- 02 Ronnie Opphile
- 03 Peggy Knox
- 05 Paul Mock
- 09 Doug Wylie
- 21 Erny Mezas



to...  
24 Ed and Sandy Brogan

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|  | <p>Directory Additions &amp; Corrections</p> <p>New member!!<br/>BROOKS, STEPHEN</p> |
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## THCU Rally Schedule 2020

A mostly tentative 2020 Rally Schedule is presented for your review. Your comments as club members are requested. There are seven rallies on the list and we hope to see you at as many rallies as you can attend. We would like to have two (2) rigs sign up as Wagon Masters for each rally. Having two (2) Wagon Masters makes everything flow smoothly should one have to cancel close to the rally date. One wonderful fact is that our members all pitch in thus ensuring the rally is a huge success.

The Wagon Masters decide on the activities and choose a theme, if they so desire.

Thank you for taking time to review the schedule. Please text Joan Ermis at 830-263-8378 to reserve your choice city for hosting a rally. Don't delay---schedule today.

### 2020 RALLY SCHEDULE

REVISED

| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Location</u>  | <u>Hosts</u> |
|--------------|--|--------------|
| Jan. 20-24   | IBT Las Vegas  | -----        |
| Feb. 20-23   | San Marcos<br>Pecan Park RV Park<br>50 Squirrel Run<br>512-396-0070            | Joan Ermis   |
| March 19-22  | Roadrunner RV Park<br>501 US Hwy 281 South<br>Johnson City, TX<br>830-868-7449 | CANCELLED    |
| April 14-19  | Mineola<br>Region 9 Rally  | CANCELLED    |
| May 14-17    | Mason (Buddy Rally)  | CANCELLED    |
| June 20-27   | International Rally<br>---Loveland, CO   | CANCELLED    |

ALL FALL ACTIVITIES ARE ON HOLD. Please check the website or future newsletters. Stay safe and happy.

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| August      | Luncheon  | To be determined                   |
| Sept. 10-13 | Fredricksburg, TX<br>RV Park to be determined<br>(Business meeting) | Carol Wallace and Charlie Williams |
| Oct. 1-4    | Gonzales  | Tim & Allison Ebbers               |
| Nov. 12-15  | New Braunfels or<br>Galveston                                       | -----                              |
| Dec. 12     | TBA—Luncheon or Rally   | -----                              |



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