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Message from our President

Hello everybody,

Welcome to our new members and those to renewed this past month. We look forward to welcoming in person at a rally. We encourage you to join us.

February has arrived. It's time to pack the Airstream and get rolling. Our rally in San Marcos has been planned so we all will have fun. The February rally is on February 20 through February 23. This rally's schedule is included in this newsletter. If you cannot attend, I hope you will drive over and join us for one or more days.

Looking ahead to March finds us in Bellville, TX. A schedule of events is in the works. It is requested that you let me know if you can attend before February 15th . I need to let the park know.

Our Region 9 Officers are hard at work preparing for our April 14-19 rally in Mineola. The Region 9 Rally is a fantastic opportunity to meet fellow Airstreamers, socialize, take tours, compete in games, and learn more about Airstreaming. I will be there and I hope you will too.

Looking further ahead to May will find us in Mason, Texas. This will be a buddy rally which means you can invite friends who do not own an Airstream to join us. We will be staying at the Fort Mason City RV Park. Pull through spaces are limited so I am encouraging you to make your reservation soon.

Joane



Rose Bowl Parade Special Event Rally



This month, we have a spotlight on a special Airstream rally complete with pictures! Thanks to Joe and Gayle for sharing this super fun rally write up and pictures!

This was Gayle & my second trip to this magnificent Special Event Rally. This rally started on 12-28-2019 and ended on January 1st. I personally always enjoy traveling in the west. We have made many trips west from San Antonio.

Caution: This is a "dry camping" rally. Consideration and information is provided with this in mind so don't stay away because of it.

We arrived a day early staying at the Fairplex KOA RV park in Pomona, California. The next morning we drove to the bullpen where we waited to be parked. The parking for this rally is on one of the parking lot for the Pasadena Community College. This location is a short walk to the parade site.



As always, it's a pleasure to be around other Airstreamers—greeting known friends and making new friends.

There are many events to attend during the rally. Last year we toured the floats. Just to see all the volunteers patiently decorating the floats. This is a "must see".



This year we attended the Equestfest which is a showcase for exceptional equestrian units with exquisite horses and talented riders performing drills and dances, trick riding and roping. Gayle and I especially enjoyed watching the Budweiser Clydesdales perform. The horses backed up to the show barn fence and then with the direction of the handler, both manually and orally calling each horse by name of which they responded by ear and physical movement; the horses moved from a 180 degree position to a left 90 position back to a 180 and then to a right 90 position. This was a requirement when Budweiser deliveries were made by wagon; this movement allowed road clearance so normal business could occur without road blockage.



Another event is the Bandfest which we again attended. From its beginning as a pre-recorded television show, to the exciting live event of today, Bandfest is showcase for outstanding marching bands and a celebration of music. This year's performances were live telecast. These marching bands come from all over the World. Besides California bands, we saw bands from Baldwinsville, NY; Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Hornbaek, Denmark; Antigua Cuscatlan, El Salvador; Kingsport, Tennessee; Owasso, Oklahoma and Eugene, Oregon. And this was only 1 of 3 performances. Now, when was the last time you saw a marching band with 27 tuba's? A marching band with several hundred members? The show is amazing and we highly recommend the bandfest.



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This was the 131st Rose Parade. The Grand Marshals were Rita Moreno, Gina Torres, and Laurie Hernandez. The parade route is officially closed/opened on the 31st at noon; individuals/groups can come in and set up their space for watching the parade. It is a "show" and goes through the New Year's Eve celebration—cots, tents, mattresses, fire pits, ice chests, chairs, ladders and anything one would need for securing a site and having fun. Our great Region 12 organizers purchase seats for our group in a grandstand; however, I am told the Airstreamers used to participate in the obtaining and reserving of their spaces throughout the night. Thank heavens that has changed; we simply walk approximately 4 blocks to our grandstand seats prior to the start of the parade. It is important to be there for the start of the parade which is signified by the fly by of the B-1 bomber.



Needless to say, Gayle and I have truly enjoyed attending and participating in the Rose Parade Special Event and we do recommend it.

FYI—Additional super cool photos posted on the Texas Hill Country Unit Facebook page from Joe and Gayle. Thank you for sharing!! (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/267836193395602/>)



PECAN PARK RV PARK RALLY
50 SQUIRREL RUN, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS
512-396-0070
FEBRUARY 20-23, 2020

Thursday, Feb.20*****Arrival Day

*****LUNCH ON YOUR OWN*****

- 4:30 p.m. Meet at Club House
- 5:00 p.m. Leave for Gil's Broiler & Manske Roll Bakery
328 N LBJ Drive
- 7:30 p.m. Meet at Club House for socializing

Friday, Feb. 21*****

- 7:00—9:00 a.m. Coffee, juice and Manske Rolls in Club House
- 10:00 a.m. LBJ Museum tour
131 N. Guadalupe Street (512) 353-3300
- 11:45 p.m. Lunch at Grin's Restaurant
802 N. LBJ Drive (512) 392-4746
- ***After lunch we will leave for Wimberly, Texas***
- 2:00 p.m. Wimberly Glass Works Touring
6469 Ranch Road 12 (512) 213-4148
Remainder of afternoon to shop in Wimberly.
- 6:00 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres in club house (Bring dinner setups/dinnerware)
- 7:00 p.m. Bean bag baseball and socializing



Saturday, Feb. 22*****

- 7:30 a.m. Coffee in the club house. Breakfast on your own.
- 9:00 a.m. Leave for Central Wing of the Commemorative Air Force
2249 Airport Drive (512) 396-1943
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
4321 S. I-H 35 in Prime Outlets
- Afternoon is free for shopping or touring on your own
- 6:00 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres in club house (Bring dinnerware/setups)
- 7:00 p.m. Bean bag baseball and socializing. (Pay rally fee)

Sunday, Feb. 23

- 7:00 a.m. Coffee, juice and rolls in the club house.

*****SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD*****

OPTIONAL SITES TO SEE:

- Bower Bird Antiques & Curiosities—215 N. Commache Street
- Calaboose African American Museum---200 Martin Luther Drive
- Charles S. Cock House Museum---400 E. Hopkins
- Dick's Classic Garage—120 Stagecoach Trail
- Roughhouse Brewing---680 Oakwood Loop
- Three Dudes Winery---125 Oakwood Loop
- Veramendi Plaza—C. M. Allan Parkway at Hopkins Street
- Wonder World Cave—1000 Prospect Street—Tickets \$19.95 pp.

Arrival Days

- Tuesday - Arrival Day
- Wednesday - Unit Day
- Thursday - 20s Dress Day
- Friday - Free Day
- Saturday - Board Meeting
- Sunday - Departure Day



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Region 9 Activities

- Breakfasts
- Dinners
- Door Prizes
- Entertainment
- Flea Market
- Ice Cream
- Seminars
- Games

Region 9 Texas - Oklahoma



51st ANNUAL REGION 9 RALLY April 14-19, 2020

"THE ROARING 20S"



Mineola Civic Center
1150 N Newsom Street
Mineola, Texas 75773



**Join us for the 51st
Region 9 Rally
Mineola, Texas**

It's unclear exactly how the town of Mineola got its name. While some claim a railway official named it after his daughter, Ola, and her BFF, Minnie, others say the name was created by a surveyor who combined his daughter's name with her friend, Minna.

The Mineola Nature Preserve on the Sabine River encompasses 2,911 acres located in Wood County, and is home to East Texas species of critters that can fly, walk, crawl, and slither, and home to more than 193 species of birds, numerous wildlife, buffalo, long-horn cattle, and a pristine wetlands environment.

The Waldo Way is a Grade A Raw Milk Dairy Farm. Our beautiful Guernsey Gold cows are raised on grass all year round and they are our partners in this business. The store features Guernsey rich, velvety golden milk, yogurt, butter and Kefir.

Mineola Historical Museum is staffed by enthusiastic historians, this free museum is located just one block from Mineola's main street.

Lake Country Playhouse is one of the longest running movie theaters in Texas, having been in operation since 1920. Despite its old-school looks and retro neon sign, this cinema plays first-run movies as well as community theater productions.

There is a small farmers market at the train depot in downtown Mineola every Saturday starting in May and continuing for as long as the weather holds out .

**Region 9
Registration Coupon
"The Roaring 20s"
51st Anniversary Rally
April 14 - April 19, 2020**

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

WBCCI # _____ Region _____

Unit _____

Handicap Parking: Yes No

Parking Fee will be \$30 / Night

Tuesday - Saturday\$ 150
 Wednesday - Saturday.....\$ 120
 Thursday - Saturday.....\$ 90
 Friday - Saturday.....\$ 60
 Saturday.....\$ 30

Rally Fees

Tuesday - Saturday\$ 100
 Wednesday - Saturday.....\$ 80
 Thursday - Saturday.....\$ 60
 Friday - Saturday.....\$ 40
 Saturday Arrival.....\$ 20
 Teen age 13-16.....\$ 40
 Youth age 12 & Under..... Free

Parking Fee:.....\$ _____

Rally Fee:
 \$ ____ / Adult x _____ \$ _____

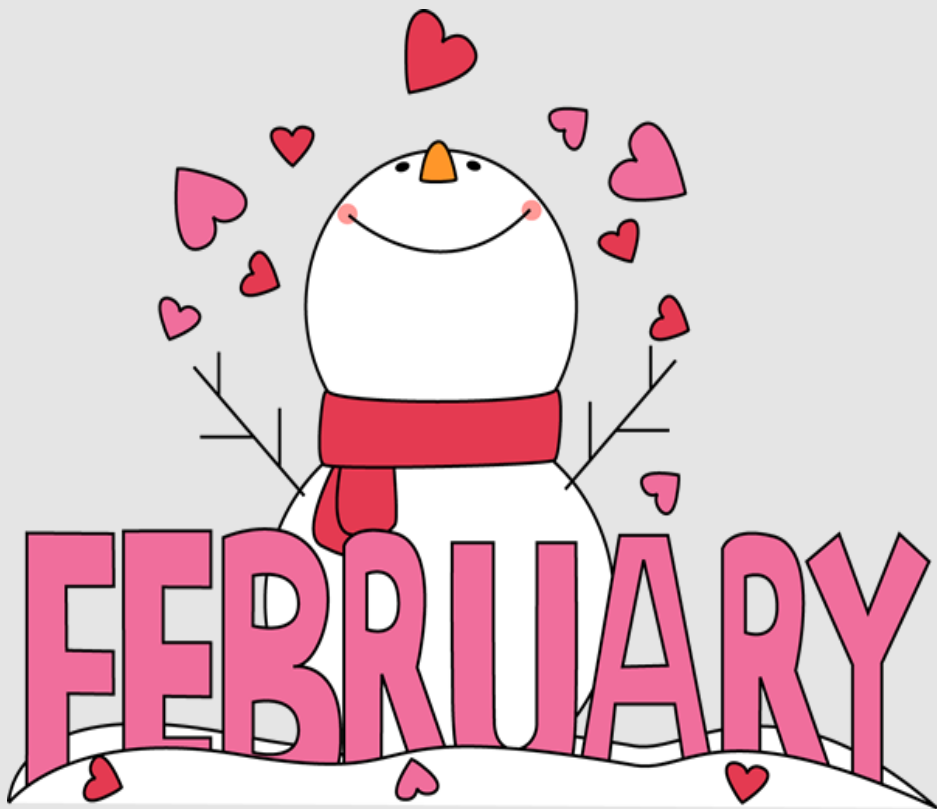
\$40 Teen x _____ \$ _____

Total Enclosed.....\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to:

**WBCCI Region 9
 Mail To: David Thompson
 2200 4th Avenue #305
 Canyon, Texas 79015**





February Birthdays

- 03 Gilbert DePaul
- 21 Judy Opphile
- 24 Don Bell
- 28 Nancy Powers

Happy Anniversary to...

- 18 Lois Muir & Dick Fletcher
- 19 Paul & Karen Mock

Directory Additions & Corrections

New members!!

David Toy
David and Linda Ayers
Sean Bowie
Billy and Christina Nabors



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Texas Hill Country Unit



Sympathy and Prayers

It is sad to hear about Sheryl's sister's passing. Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Wylie family during this time.



Happy valentines to all. Count the number of cupids and let us know how many you see. We will announce the number of cupids in the next newsletter. (ally.ebbers@gmail.com)

Region9.airstreamclub.net

THCU Rally Schedule 2020 (Mostly PROPOSED)



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

Dates	Location	Hosts
Jan. 20 24	IBT Las Vegas	-----
Feb. 20-23	San Marcos Pecan Park RV Park 50 Squirrel Run 512-396-0070	<u>Joan Ermis</u>
March 19-22	Bellville Coushatta Recreation Ranch 2812 Nelius Road 979-865-5897	_____ _____
April 14-19	Mineola Region 9 Rally	Region Officers Host
May 14-17	Mason (Buddy Rally) Ft. Mason City RV Park 325-347-6449 (Limited avail.)	<u>Doug & Sheryl Wylie</u>
June 20-27	International Rally---Loveland, CO	-----
August	Luncheon	To be determined
Sept. 23-27	Cedar Creek/Bastrop area Hwy. 71 RV Park 512-321-7275	_____ _____
Oct. 1-4	Gonzales	<u>Tim & Allison Ebbers</u>
Nov. 12-15	Johnson City Roadrunner RV Park 830-868-7449	_____ _____
Dec. 12	TBA—Luncheon or Rally	

