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Message from our President

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our unit. May all stay safe.

As we all adjust to this new normal let us take time to say a thank you and send prayers to all our health care workers, public servants, and all others working every day for our benefit. They do not have the luxury to stay home and stay safe during this challenging pandemic.

Please take time to respond to the survey. Your response is extremely beneficial so your officers can continue to improve our rallies. Thank you to Robert Grimes for compiling the questions.

We are hopeful that in September we will have a rally. This is our scheduled business meeting at which selections for officers for the following year are made. I encourage all of you to consider a position. You and your participation will ensure that our unit continues to meet the needs of our members.

While it is not safe to gather or have a rally we can still stay in touch. Everyone has a directory so I encourage you to call, text or email a member you have not met and say hello and check on them. We are an Airstream family composed of thoughtful and wonderful people. We need to stay connected.

This month we observe VE Day (1945) day on May 8, Armed Forces Day on May 16 and Memorial Day on May 25. Thank you to all our members who have served. Fly a flag if possible.

Stay safe and hopefully we can all meet down the road soon.

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. 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...

6 Nancy Westley

8 Martha Gosnell

14 Lisa Brankin

15 Jan Grimes

19 Sandy Brogan

26 Ed Brogan

28 Cindy Johnson



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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 Pecan Park RV Park 50 Squirrel Run 512-396-0070	Joan Ermis
March 19-22	Roadrunner RV Park 501 US Hwy 281 South Johnson City, TX 830-868-7449	CANCELLED
April 14-19	Mineola Region 9 Rally	CANCELLED
May 14-17	Mason (Buddy Rally)	CANCELLED
June 20-27	International Rally ---Loveland, CO	CANCELLED

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

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

