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Spring Forward GHAC returned to the swamps of south Texas for a great rally at Brazos Bend.

Three months into 2019 and we are off to a great start! Brazos Bend has always been a great local place for a rally in the spring. Close by, good food, great trails to hike/explore, good company, lots of shared experiences. Cool enough to keep the mosquitoes and gators a bay. Brazos Bend has never failed to provide a great venue for our club's outings.

A fantastic job by the hosts in organizing the entire weekend's activities. Plenty of food, activities, and entertainment. Exploring the Nash Prairie Preserve, a guided bird hike around 40 Acre lake, a very compelling demonstration of birds of prey, Dutch oven cooking, the GHAC singers, there was always something to do throughout the weekend.

We still need hosts for future rallies! In particular, I am looking for a host/co-host for the Memorial Day Rally in Lexington. If you have not signed up for one, please consider signing up as a host or co-host to help organize the rally.

We are looking forward to next week's rally in San Leon. Don & Helen have lined up some interesting activities. Better sharpen your paper airplane skills...

Quote:

"I have found out that there ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them." – Mark Twain

If you travel with the club long enough, you will find new friends from all corners. We had several new members and even an unsigned couple visit Saturday evening to check out some of the fun weekend activities. Whether it is a Motorhome or Trailer or Van, Airstreamers share a bond of adventure.

Keep the shiny side up and safe travels!

Jerry & Carol

Up Next:

Fly into April Rally 11-14 April, 2019 Big Spot RV Park San Leon, Texas



St. Patrick's Day Rally

Brazos Bend State Park 14 – 17 March 2019

The St. Patrick's Rally was held at Brazos Bend State Park March 14-17th. Early arrivals on Thursday were Tom & Caren Bundy, Jack & Beverly Williams, Tom & Virginia Taroni, Jerry & Tracey Calvert, Bob & Vaughnette Stogdill, Jerry & Carol Goodwin, Michael & Carrie Iversen, Hub & Sherry Miller, Don & Helen Teegarden, Jose & Val Melgares, Jerome & Tanya Tilles, Dan & Maria McAnulty, Matt & Deana Sheppard, Jack & Autumn Isbell, Dennis & Diane Roberts, and Ron & Janice Lange. Thursday night we enjoyed taco soup and salad with Klondike bars for dessert.





On Friday we went to the Nash Prairie Preserve, about 10 miles south of the campground. It is 400 acres that is the last remaining segment of the "Great Coastal Prairie" that used to stretch from Lafayette to Corpus Christi. More than 300 species of plants have been identified there. Many other prairie habitats, such as Armand Bayou, have been reseeded with seeds from the Nash Prairie. Our guide, Susan Conaty, told us all about the history of the site, which was acquired by the Nature Conservatory in 2011.







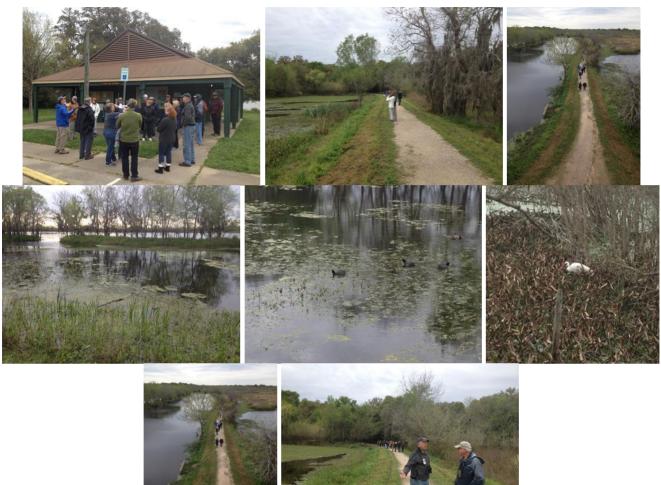




Friday arrivals were Jim & Kathy Hartzog, Alan, Bernadine & Ashley Billard, Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Jason, Sherrie, Austin & Riley Goodwin, Chuck Bracht & Cheryl Verlander and Leigh & Bettie Anderson. For dinner we set up the grills and people grilled their protein of choice and brought a side to share. The hosts prepared yummy peach and cherry cobblers in Dutch ovens. There was an impromptu campfire.



Saturday morning, we had breakfast tacos and fruit at 7:30am so we would have time for enjoying the park. After breakfast, Tom Taroni led a bird hike around 40 Acre Lake for all who wanted to go. Following the hike, we went to the Birds of Prey demonstration at the visitor center.











The birds were beautiful and very interesting. Helga, the Harris hawk did not want to fly back into her cage and provided quite a flying demonstration. Saturday night we had chicken and sausage jambalaya prepared in the Dutch ovens. Rally attendees were put to work cooking in the Dutch ovens. Following dinner, we had a campfire built by Matt Sheppard.



















We had a sing-along led by Tracey Calvert, Dan McAnulty, Beverly Williams, Michael Iversen, and Virginia Taroni. The Team RWB raffle raised \$211.50 for the charity.





Sunday morning, we finished the scrambled eggs and had breakfast breads and fruit. Jack Williams led a devotional. Everyone helped breakdown the tables and chairs and sweep and mop the dining hall. We all agreed it was a great weekend and really enjoyed being able to spend time in the park.

Great turnout for the March rally – 22 rigs, 47 people (plus 2 guests)







A round of applause for great job by our Hosts!

Tom & Caren Bundy

Virginia & Tom Taroni

Jack & Beverly Williams

Jerry & Tracey Calvert



I am sorry, Jerry, I missed getting you in the group shot

Birds of Prey Exhibition



Dutch Oven Jambalaya

12" Dutch oven - Serves 6-8

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- 1 1/4 lbs. Andouille Sausage, cut into 1/4" slices
- 2 ½ lbs. of chicken diced
- ½ cup of chopped green peppers
- ½ cup of chopped red peppers
- ½ large onion chopped
- 1 cup of chopped celery
- 1 Tbs of Cajun seasoning
- 1 Tbsp. minced garlic
- 1 ½ cups of uncooked rice
- 1 can of diced tomatoes with juice
- 2 cups of chicken broth
- 3 bay leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon of dried thyme

Instructions:

- 1. Heat Dutch Oven over 3/4 spread of coals.
- 2. add olive oil and brown chicken and sausage
- 3. when chicken is browned, add remaining ingredients
- 4. remove enough charcoal to leave one ring on bottom and place one ring of coals on top.
- 5. Simmer for 40 to 50 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove when the rice is done and the liquids have been absorbed into the rice.

Dutch Oven Cobbler

Use a 10" Dutch oven

- 2 sticks butter
- 2 16 oz. bags frozen peaches or 2 cans cherry pie filling
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups milk

Melt butter in Dutch oven. Add fruit. Mix up flour/sugar/milk mixture and pour over fruit.

Bake at 350 Deg. F for 30-45 min.





Fly into the April Rally at the Big Spot RV Park April 11 – 14, 2019

2241 E Bay Shore Drive, San Leon, TX Check it Out – www.bigspotrv.com

Directions: Take I-45 to FM-96; go E (left) on FM-646 to SH-3. Go S (right) on SH-3 to FM-646, go E (left) on FM-646 to SH-146 (stop light). Continue east as FM-646 becomes Grand Ave in Baycliff. At intersection with W Bayshore Dr turn S (right), continue south. W Bayshore Dr becomes E Bayshore Dr. Continue south on E Bayshore Dr. until you come to RV Park on right.

Hosts: Don & Helen Teegarden, Jim & Barbara Mercer, Jerry & Tracy Calvert, Jim & Tonia Goodwin **Parking:** \$39.00 per night, check in and pay at office After 1:00pm on Thursday. **Rally Fee:** \$17

Thursday April 11 Parking all day

5:00 PM Car pool to Top Water Grill – Dutch Treat

After dinner return for dessert and information & tour plans

Bring Table Service to all Meals

Friday April 12 Parking all day

8:00 AM coffee and sweet rolls

9:15 - 9:30 AM Leave for Space Center Houston or explore area if not going to Space Center

5:00 PM Social Hour (Odd number rigs bring appetizers)

6:00 PM Dinner

7:15 PM Short Talk on Airstream's role in Space History

Saturday April 13

8:00 AM Coffee and Breakfast

9:45 AM Leave for the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field

10:30 AM Tour of Flight Museum with Docent

12:00 Lunch on your own -

Return to park to make a paper airplane for flight contest;

Join a public tour of Rum Distillery in San Leon at 1:00 or 3:00 Cost \$10.00.

Go Fishing (need license)

5:00 PM Social Hour (Even Number Rigs bring appetizers)

6:00 PM Dinner

7:15 PM Trivia game and Paper Plan flight contest

Sunday April 14

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM Devotional

Until we meet again – have safe travels and Happy Easter

Make reservations and send check for tour tickets by <u>03/27</u> payable to:

Don Teegarden, 303 Lakeshore Dr. Seabrook 77586 281-326-4250 Email - hdteegarden@verizon.net

\$15.95 Space Center \$11.95 Lone Star Flight Museum

Name(s)		_ Rig#	Trailer	_ MH	_ 30a	_50a
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Arrival	Departure					

#Top Water Grill reservations_____

GILBERTS RELOCATE TO NORTH CAROLINA

Greetings from Hendersonville, NC!!! "Sugar".

For the past six months we have been trying to get ready for this move. But, seriously, is one ever really ready? We wanted to be closer to our daughter and family. Sara is 9 and Owen is 6. When we saw our grandchildren in Germany this past November, we realized how much of their lives have gone by and we missed a lot. We found a house before the Civil War Caravan last year. So we have been packing and one of us has been downsizing! OMG 18 years of stuff! We were able to take a 16 ft. truck filled with book boxes and some furniture at Christmas. We decided to show the house fairly empty. It truly made cleaning and painting etc. lots easier. Being blessed to have a "Tin Hut", we moved her to an RV park just down the road. So does that make us "Trailer Trash"? The January luncheon was difficult as we knew we would not be seeing some of you for a while. As we prepared for the February rally the over shared that we could either move on March 11 or wait until the second week of April. YIKES. Not wanting to miss the caravan, we chose the March 11th date. So glad we were able to visit with many of you at the rally. I was doing ok until Ronn gave the Saturday night dinner blessing. We never say "Good Bye". We always say "See Ya". There is so much we wanted to say and so many "Thank You's" for all of the shared great times over the past eleven years. So many memories. We can't thank ya'll enough for being such GREAT FRIENDS. So, we'll just say "it's been a pleasure doing business with va!" We were sad to miss the March rally as Brazos Bend is one of our favorite parks. We are also sad to miss Space Center Houston. WOW... Ya'll are so lucky to have Done Teegarden as your Host and guide. Well, we will see you down the road. We will be back in Texas with the Gone to Texas Caravan in 2020. And we are remaining Affiliate Members. Many have said they plan to visit us. Please do. Since we can't park you all in our yard, we are checking out an RV park that is only 7 miles from the house. You will love it.

Check it out:

LAKEWOOD RV RESORT 15 TIMMIE LANE FLATROCK, NC 28731 828-697-9523

See you at International. We will be parked with Caravan leaders. Safe Travels All.

Hugs and Love, Rae & Ronn & Petey too! 2927 Willow Road Hendersonville, NC 28739

2019 Rally Schedule

January 19 ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Landry's Seafood House 22215 Katy Freeway,, Katy, TX 77450 Hosts: Gilbert, Kracke, Harris

January 25-29 MID-WINTER IBT

Baldwin County Coliseum and Arena 19477 Fairground Road Robertsdale, Alabama 36567

February 14-17 MID-WINTER RALLY

Summer Breeze USA - Conroe 3043 Waukegan Rd., Conroe, TX 77306 Hosts: H. Miller, Ketchum, Lange

March 14-17 ST. PATRICK'S RALLY

Brazos Bend State Park
-21901 FM 762, Needville, TX 77461
Hosts: Bundy, Mercer, Taroni, Williams

April 11-14 FLY INTO APRIL RALLY

Big Spot RV 2241 E Bay Shore Dr, San Leon TX 77539 Hosts: Teagarden, J. Goodwin, J Mercer

May 6-11 REGION 9 RALLY "COWBOY UP"

Skyline Ranch RV Park 2231 State Highway 16 N, Bandera, TX 78003

May 24-27 MEMORIAL DAY RALLY

Sonny's RV Park 8816 US 77, Lexington, TX 78947

Hosts: Need Hosts!

June 17 – September 7 Alaska Caravan

Texas to Alaska Carayan Leaders: Snow

July 20-27 INTERNATIONAL RALLY

The Meadow Event Park 13191 Dawn Blvd. Doswell, VA 23047

August 30 - September 2 LABOR DAY RALLY

Oakwood RV Resort 78 FM 2093, Fredericksburg, TX 78624 Hosts: J Goodwin

October 3-6 HARVEST RALLY

Bolivar Peninsula RV Park 1685 State Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX 77650 Hosts: V. Goodwin

November 8-10 BUDDY RALLY

Stephen F. Austin State Park 2100 Park Rd, 38, San Felipe, TX 77474 Hosts: Need Hosts!

December 6-8 CHRISTMAS & INSTALLATION

Coushatte RV Ranch 812 Nelius Road, Bellville, TX 77418

Hosts: Need Hosts!

Welcome new GHAC members!

The club continues to grow each month! Several new members have joined since the last newsletter:

Rob & Jonette Schmidt 2036 Richard & Seanette Meserole 5683

Diane & Deninis Roberts joined us for their first rally and we hope to see others at some of the upcoming rallies. Two *new* Airstreamers (Billy & Debbie Block) dropped bu for a short visit Saturday evening as they are considering joining the club! We are hoping that they were impressed to join our merry band of travelers. If you see the new members at any of the rallies, please join us in giving them a warm welcome them to the club!

Odd & Ends from the back office -

New Web Address:

WBCCI has received permission to use the name Airstream Club in the club's internet address. The have also decided to use the unit name in the individual unit web sites to have better name recognition. Our new web address is: GreaterHoustonAirstreamClub.airstreamclub.net

- Hosts We are still looking for hosts/co-hosts for several rallies (Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Christmas). Please sign up!
- "Cowboy Up" (Region 9 Rally) GHAC has been asked to staff the registration table at the May Region Rally in Bandera. We need volunteers to staff the registration/sign in table at the Rally on Monday afternoon. This is a great opportunity to meet people as they sign into the rally and demonstrate how GHAC steps up to provide support. Please let us know if you are able and willing to help register people as they arrive at the Rally. If you have not already done so, please send your reservations into xxxx ASAP. This helps the rally hosts better plan for the number of people and rigs attending. Please let me know if you plan to attend the Rally in Bandera.
- *Enjoy The Ride* 62nd International Rally in Doswell 2019 I am collecting a list of members who will be attending the 62nd International Rally in July in Doswell, VA. So far, we have a list of 10 possible rigs signed on for a possible caravan to the rally. Please let me know if you plan to attend the rally.
- Proposed changes At the impromptu board meeting in December, a recommendation was made
 to discontinue publication of the GHAC Directory as a hard copy instead to post it online for
 members to access/review. Other clubs have successfully implemented an online membership
 directory with security issues being of concern. The idea was discussed but nothing was put
 forward at this time. I am still fielding comments and recommendations and will bring them to the
 next board meeting at May's rally.
- Any ideas or recommendations for future rally sites, please forward them to me and I will pass along to Clark & Bruce for consideration for the upcoming years.

- Flags for sale!! For those who would like to proudly fly the unit colors in front of their rigs, we have flags with the new Greater Houston Airstream Club logos available for \$35.00. I will have flags available at rallies throughout the year, so contact me if you would like to get your very own unit flag.
- Pull tabs for charity. A standing tradition in WBCCI has been to collect aluminum can pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. As a club, we typically collect tabs at each rally and take them up to the annual International Rally. Tip of the hat to Jason Goodwin for providing a sizeable jar of tabs at the March Rally. Please help us build up our collection and bring your tabs to the monthly rallies. We will consolidate the tabs and submit them in Doswell in July.



- And just to leave everyone with a few additional observations about getting older:
 - You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.
 - Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.
 - Age is a very high price to pay for maturity
 - o Growing old is compulsory. Growing up is optional.

Happy Birthday!!!

April 3-Apr **Bob Hutson** 4-Apr Joanne Miller Belinda Hale 5-Apr Jerry Calvert 9-Apr 12-Apr **Grady Ferry** 14-Apr Alan Hubbard Ronn Gilbert 15-Apr Stuart Archibald 16-Apr Fred Walschburger 17-Apr 17-Apr **Keith Ferry** Mary Chruszczak 21-Apr 22-Apr **Bob Jones** 23-Apr Susan Bernucho 23-Apr Eileen Hubbard **Hub Miller** 25-Apr 27-Apr James Feine 27-Apr Bill Kindle **Cheryl Jacobs** 30-Apr May 1-May Matthew Shepard Christina Jordan 2-May 9-May Yvonne Hannigan Jonette Schmidt 13-May 15-May Tom Harris 18-May **George Nixon** 23-May Dave Rightmyer 25-May **Bill Hamilton** Jack Isabell 25-May 26-May Eileen Burch 28-May Danny Brown Peter Gilmore 28-May 31-May **Daniel Schwarz**

Anniversaries

April				
	1-Apr-06	Scott & Sally Mercer		
	7-Apr-66	Dale & Kathy Spillman		
	15-Apr-67	Jerry & Irene Lyddon		
	16-Apr-71	Gene & Kathy Blanchard		
	17-Apr-70	Jim & Barbara Mercer		
	23-Apr-76	-Apr-76 Richard & Mary Lynne Collier		
May				
	4-May-80	Jerry & Carol Goodwin		
	4-May-02	Fred & Searcy Kracke		
	6-May-08	Clark Garner & Debbie Pfunder		
	9-May-97	Chuck Bracht & Cheryl Verlander		
	13-May-72	Tom & Virgina Taroni		
	15-May-15	Chris & Renee Carantza		
	18-May-74	John & Susan Sheridan		
	21-May-77 Wayne & Belinda Hale			
	21-May-12	Kent & Lia Laney		
	22-May-71	Ron & Janice Lange		
	25-May-05	5-May-05 Thomas & Vicki Ketchum		
	28-May-99 Stuart & Janice Archibald			

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

Spring has Sprung, the Taxes are Done, Now's the Time for Fun. Unfortunately, not everyone can have some fun. We've learned that Bob Hanson had an accident where he fell at the back of his truck and ended up with five broken ribs, a chipped vertebra, and a punctured lung.

Some of our other members like Vaughnette Stogdill, are suffering with severe allergies due to the high pollen count.

On a more positive note, Jan Rightmyer is well on the road to recovery after her recent hip replacement surgery.

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers especially Bob as he has a long road to recovery.

If you know of someone that needs a little "sunshine" please let me know. hmteegarden@verizon.net

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CONSOY UP

Never to early to plan your trip next year to the 50th Annual REGION 9 RALLY In Bandera, TX May 6—11, 2019

Skyline Ranch RV Park

2231 Hwy. 16N

Bandera, TX 78003

1-800-267-1402





A Message from Bob Jones RV

Hello to all our Greater Houston Airstream Club members from the gang at BOB JONES RV.

We would like to express our excitement about an advanced service we are providing. BOB JONES RV has invested in a SEAL TECH machine that will pressurize the interior cabin of any coach, allowing us to detect leaks by soaping the complete exterior. It will identify efficiently any breaches in the exterior seal that will cause water leaks ultimately causing damage.

Our service team will pinpoint problem areas on a chart and consult with the customer a plan for corrective action. This is a true cost saving & preventive measure to protect your RV investment. The cost is \$230 - \$345 depending on your coach configuration. So give us a call to discuss how we can protect your RV, we think you'll be glad you did!

Bob Jones

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Airstream adventures this spring

