

Wrapping up Summer 2019!

Fall is underway. School, football, leaves changing colors, Halloween Decorations already on the store shelves, Pumpkin Spiced Lattes, cooler (*ha*h!) temps. In some places, the leaves are starting to turn, snow is falling, and people are preparing for the harvest season. Down here on the Texas Coastal Plains, where temps are still in the high 90s, it's hard to imagine that summer is winding down and fall is cranking up. Technically speaking, fall does not *officially* begin for another two weeks. Many people in our group have been traveling across the nation and we wanted to share some of their adventures.

Whether traveling alone or as part of a caravan or attending a rally, the Greater Houston Airstream Club participated in several events across the country.

The Alaskan Caravanners have made it safely back from their long journey to the north country. Lots of pictures and stories to share.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> International Rally in Doswell was successfully wrapped up in late July and we are looking ahead to next year's International Rally in Loveland, Colorado.

The Labor Day Rally in Fredericksburg was a small rally, and everyone had a good time with tours and shopping and sampling some of the local wineries.

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## President's Corner:

School's back in session, college football is underway, we have turned the corner on the year and are already looking towards the holidays. We had lots of exciting adventures over this summer and traveled the roads and highways of the country to attend the International Rally or visit several great parks along the way. As part of our trek to/from Virginia, we planned stays at several Airstream Parks. We enjoyed stays at Top of Georgia, Virginia Highland Haven, Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Campground (TCPC), and Texas Airstream Harbor Inc (TAHI). All great parks with lots to offer. Many of these are not on the main roads and take a bit of a detour to get there, but they are worth the drive. Each park has full hookups and offers different benefits or features. Some are located near town to explore while others are bit more remote. Top of Georgia is a few miles up the road from Helen, Georgia with some great restaurants and shops. Highland Havens is located near the Blue Ridge Parkway and a good distance from a town, but the park is quiet and boasts some amazing sunsets and trails to explore. TCPC is about 17 miles south of Crossville Tennessee but is heavily wooded and some great sites and facilities. TAHI is a good park just east of Zavala on the shores of Lake Sam Rayburn. If you have never stayed in an Airstream Park, we recommend it highly. Very cheap rates, good service and you are parking with fellow Airstreamers who share a love of Wally's legacy.

We want to thank the hosts that helped Carol & I run the Labor Day rally. John & Susan Sheridan stepped up and took over the dinner meals to make the rally a success.

With summer travels behind us, we are looking forward to the fall season and cooler weather and more temperate rallies. We hope to see everyone at the Bolivar Rally!

Quote for the road: *"Not all those who wander are lost." – J.R.R. Tolkien* 

Keep the shiny side up and safe travels!

Jerry & Carol

Up Next:

3 - 6 October 2019 Harvest Rally Bolivar Peninsula RV Resort 1685 State Hwy 87 Crystal Beach, Texas 77650

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# 62<sup>nd</sup> WBCCI International Rally The Meadows Event Park Doswell, Virginia 20 - 27 July 2019

The 62<sup>nd</sup> International Rally in Doswell was a rousing success! 7 days full of events, meetings, seminars, crafts, parades, food and entertainment. With a large contingent traveling north to Alaska, we had a smaller group of GHAC members representing at this year's International Rally.



A small informal caravan with Jerry & Carol

Goodwin, Tom Harris, and Dan & Maria McAnulty travelled east along I20 and were joined by Jerry Thomas from the Louisiana Airstream Club. Marylin Thomas flew up a few days later. Bill & Dorma Kindle and Bill & Joanne Miller arrived with the advance crew to set up for the rally and business meetings. Our small band ran across Ronn & Rae Gilbert in a rest stop outside of Richmond, VA for our final stopover before we hit Doswell. Tom & Vickie Ketchum arrived early to set up with the band for event. Ken & Lea Laney arrived afterwards and set up in the Vintage Airstream Club area. Most everyone parked early ahead of the opening ceremonies and were able to explore the surrounding areas.

We ate out at various restaurants and establishments during the rally. The Doswell Event Center is huge site with lots of parking and available structures to support international rally events and meetings. Many excellent seminars were held throughout the week. Maintenance seminars on electrical, suspension, sewer, and A/C were very insightful. Other seminars covered topics like quilting, WBCCI caravans, Airstream Parks, publications, electronic communications. We attended a meeting with the Airstream Company officers to get an update on the status of the company, the new plant in Jackson Center, and what is on the horizon for Airstream. Business meetings included a presentation on the new Airstream Marketing logo and the new website that was to be launched in August. Lots of good



information and helpful ideas. There were several contests for publications, club directories, crafts, and pet show. GHAC took home two awards from the rally: the GHAC directory was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place for unit directories and the Laney's dog GoGo won best in show!

The one negative point during the week was the weather. During the first half of the week, Virginia was under a heatwave. Temperatures were in the high 90s with a few days hitting 100+. A lot of people were struggling to keep the trailers cool. The logistic crew set up a misting trailer to provide cooling and they had golf cart shuttles to ferry everyone across the event grounds. Several venues were held under tents adjacent to the main house or the VAC area and it was warm. At one point, we noted that the temperatures in Doswell were higher than the temps in Houston. Hopefully, next year's rally in Loveland will be cooler.



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Overall, the rally was a success! Great job by the planning and logistics team to make this a great rally. Next year's rally in Loveland Colorado and early sign up resulted in over 500 rigs with a limit of 700. If you have not done so already, I would encourage everyone to sign up early.









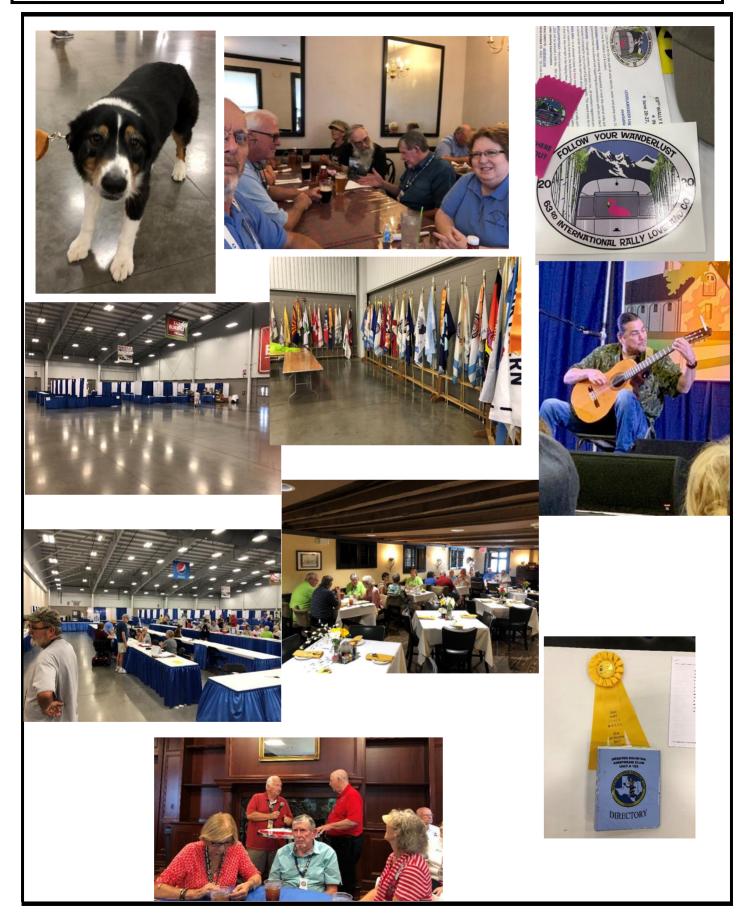






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# GHAC Alaska Caravan 2019 Texas to Alaska and back 17 June – 9 September 2019

By Caren Bundy

Lyle and Peggy Snow led a GHAC unit caravan from Houston to Alaska and back. The caravan lasted 82 days, driving over 12000 miles, with about 10000 miles towing. Caravan participants were Alan, Ashley, and Bernadine Billard, Tom and Caren Bundy, Jerry and Tracey Calvert, Clark Gardner and Debbie Pfunder, Bruce Lee and Leslie Spillman, Jose and Valerie Melgares, Jim and Barbara Mercer, David and Pam Hokanson (Pam is Barbara Mercer's sister), and Robert and Rebecca Perere (members of the Louisiana Unit and affiliate members of GHAC). Also travelling with the group were 9 dogs and 4 cats.



The caravan drove the entire 1422 miles of the Alaska Highway, using the Milepost book as our bible. The construction of the Alaska Highway was an amazing feat. It was built in 1942 as a military access road in one year. It travels through British Columbia, the Yukon Territory, and Alaska. The highway is constantly being upgraded and maintained and it has been kept open year-round

since it was completed. That is why in the summer the saying is that it is "construction season in Alaska". We

entered Alaska by crossing the Yukon River with our trailers from Dawson City and driving the Top of the World Highway into Chicken Alaska. When we crossed into Alaska, our passports were stamped with a caribou stamp.





On the caravan we learned all about how

gold brought settlers to Alaska and Canada and the many hardships that the gold diggers had to endure. We visited several gold dredges and even got to pan for gold. We saw the tiny Chilkoot Trail that the gold stampeders had to travel across, while carrying their ton of supplies, to get to the Klondike. We also travelled to the Arctic Circle (Latitude 66° 33'). On the bus ride there we saw the Alaska Pipeline, completed in 1977, which carried the oil from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez. It was also and engineering marvel and amazing how it was built across mountainous terrain and so it wouldn't damage the permafrost.

The caravan really enforced the reason Alaska is called the last frontier. The vastness of the areas we drove through is hard to comprehend until you experience it. We experienced the long days and could imagine how it would be to have long nights during

the winter. The mountains were beautiful, especially Denali. We enjoyed train rides from Anchorage to Whittier and from Frasier BC to Skagway AK. We saw many glaciers as we drove and also on glacier cruises out of Whittier, Seward, and Valdez. It was amazing to see the glacier calve right in front of us and see the big pieces of floating ice. The fireweed was also beautiful. By the end of the trip it was starting to go to cotton, so we knew winter was coming.

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The wildlife that we saw was also a highlight of the trip. We saw moose, bears, caribou, bison, eagles, and ptarmigan on our drives. This amazing bear photo was captured by Barbara Mercer in Haines, AK. On trips from Seward, Valdez, and Haines we saw humpback, gray, fin, and orca whales. We saw Steller sea lions, harbor seals, Dall's porpoises, and the cute sea otters. Birds that we saw included bald eagles, cormorant, black oyster catcher, and

horned and tufted puffins. In Hyder, AK we all loved

getting to see the bear eating salmon that were coming upriver to spawn.

It was a marvelous trip. When we had 5" of snow on us in both Watson Lake YT and Dease Lake BC, we knew it was time for these Texas drivers to head for home. We will remember the beautiful sights and vast open land that we saw. We will also treasure the friendships that were developed and deepened by experiencing Alaska together.







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# Labor Day Rally

Oakwood RV Resort Fredericksburg, Texas 28 August – 2 September 2019 by Jerry Goodwin

Fredericksburg is a perennial club favorite destination for a rally. Lots of sites to visit, great food, plenty of places to spend your money, and some great wineries to tour. Seems like the number of wineries has increased since our last GHAC rally. Since the group was smaller this year, we got to use the smaller rally room which worked out great for our group. Carol & I arrived on Wednesday to set up camp at Oakwood. Gene Guthrie & Shirley Holmesy and John & Susan Sheridan arrived Thursday





afternoon along with Eldon & Barbara Sheffer, a couple from the Texas Alamo unit who joined us for the rally. Due to the number of people attending this rally, this was a no host rally. John and Susan Sheridan graciously agreed to take charge for dinner on Saturday and Sunday. with Everyone brought something to grill with some sides added for an informal dinner.



On Friday, we were joined by Jerome & Tanya Tilles, Tom & Virginia Taroni and Michael & Carrie Iversen and eventually Fred Walschburger & Sue Gaines after a long drive up from Houston with some traffic challenges. After a brief happy hour, we drove into town for some authentic

German food at the Altdorf Restaurant in Fredericksburg. After a great





dinner, we met back of Flamingo

at the park to celebrate Sue Gaines birthday with cake and lots decorations.

Saturday was an open morning for coffee and breakfast sandwiches and collecting rally fees. A few members drove into town on their own to tour the local shops or the Pacific War Museum or to sample some of the local wineries. Several people attended the Pacific War Reenactment program. It was an incredible and informative program with many actors playing roles of both soldiers and civilians from the Pacific Campaign during WWII program. The museum does not hold the program every weekend and has a limited run, but it is an incredible program that I would highly recommend if you are ever in Fredericksburg. After the program, we retired back to the park for happy hour and a great meal of pulled pork and corn on the cob served by the Sheridans.



On Sunday we had coffee with continental breakfast followed by a devotional led by Eldon Sheffer. Even though the Sheffers were not members of GHAC, Eldon graciously offered to lead a devotional on Sunday. The rest of the day everyone was able to explore the local sites and venues. In the afternoon, a Barbara Sheffer led a craft



session to demonstrate Russian needle punch technique as well do some

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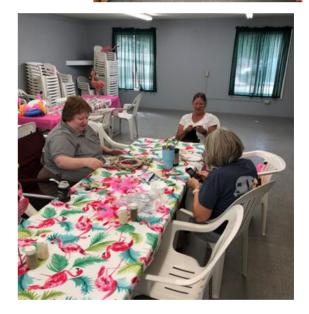
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knitting and cross stich. The Sheridans served up a great meal of chicken spaghetti. After dinner we broke up into smaller groups for games and discussions and joke telling.

On Monday we held a continental breakfast and broke camp for the trip home. Carol & I were glad to see everyone make the trip out to the hill country. The weather was hot but not as hot as Houston and we got a little rain on one morning. Again, we thank John & Susan Sheridan for providing some great meals on Saturday & Sunday.









Page 10 COYOTE TALES September 2019 **Harvest Rally October 3 – 6, 2019 Bolivar Peninsula RV Resort** 1685 State Hwy 87 Crystal Beach, Texas 77650 bolivarpeninsularvpark.com (409)-684-0939 Directions: From Galveston take the Bolivar Ferry then go 10 mi east on Hwy 87 or from Winnie go south 20 mi on Hwy 124 to Hwy 87 then west about 17 mi Hosts & Co-hosts: Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Jose & Valerie Melgares, Jack & Beverly Williams, James & Tonia Goodwin Parking: Pay for your site at the office Pull thru - \$32.30 f/30 amp or \$34.85 f/50 amp Lakeside - \$35.70 f/30 amp or \$38.25 f/50 amp Rally Fee: Please bring Table Service to all meals \$12 per person Thursday October 3 Early Arrivals 5:00 PM Social Hour 6:00 PM Dinner out at Stingaree's Restaurant & Marina Friday October 4 Start of Rally 7:00 AM Coffee Breakfast & Lunch on your own Visit Ft Travis Park (free) - drive for miles on Crystal Beach 5:00 PM Social Hour (Even number rigs bring appetizers) 6:00 PM Please bring something to grill & a dish to share (BBQ pits will be furnished) Kite assembly & games 7:00 PM Saturday **October 5** 7:00 AM Coffee 8:00AM Breakfast by hosts Pay Rally Fees 9:00 AM Lunch on vour own 1:00 PM Fly kites on Crystal Beach (a "Beach Permit" is required to park on the beach) Social Hour (Odd Number Rigs bring appetizers) 5:00 PM 6:00 PM Dinner by hosts 7:30 PM Games Sunday October 6 8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast** 9:30 AM Devotional 10:00 AM Departure End of Rally Please e-mail or phone your reservations to Vernon & Jo Goodwin by 26 September 2019. Jwg502@aol.com 281-556-1633 or 713-205-1277 Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Departure \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Rig#\_\_\_\_\_ Trailer\_\_\_ MH\_\_\_ 30a\_\_ 50a\_\_

# 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 23-27 MEMORIAL DAY RALLY

Sonny's RV Park 8816 US 77, Lexington, TX 78947 Hosts: Goodwin, Mercer, Bundy, Guthrie

# June 17 – September 7

Alaska Caravan Texas to Alaska Caravan 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

October 24 - 27 Region 9 RALLY Texas Country Air Brownwood, Texas

#### November 8-10 BUDDY RALLY

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

## December 6-8 CHRISTMAS & INSTALLATION

Coushatte RV Ranch 812 Nelius Road, Bellville, TX 77418 Hosts: Need Hosts!

# Proposed

# 2020 Rally Schedule

Dates	Events	Location
Dec 29 - Jan 1	New Year's Rally	Coushatte RV Ranch
18-Jan-20	Annual Luncheon	Carrabas on Kirby
Feb 12 - 16	Mid-Winter Rally	Summer Breeze Cut-N-Shoot (Conroe)
Mar 5 - 8	March Rally	Splashway, Sheridan
Apr 16 - 19	April Rally	Jamaica Beach
May 21 - 25	Memorial Day Rally	Johnson Creek Ingram
June 20 - 27	63rd International Rally	Loveland, Colorado
Sep 3 - 7	Labor Day Rally	Tropical Islands RV Resort (Rockport)
Oct 1 - 4	October Rally	Stephen F Austin State Park
Nov 5 - 8	November Rally	Summer Breeze Katy
Dec 3 - 6	Christmas/Installation Rally	Conroe KOA
Dec 31 - Jan 3	New Year's Rally	Coushatte RV Ranch

#### Welcome new GHAC members!

The club continues to grow each month! A couple from the Woodlands (*Anthony & Debby Urbanelli*) just joined GHAC this week! If you see new members at any rallies, please join us in giving them a warm welcome them to the club!

#### Notes from the head office:

Reminder: Annual membership renewals are due in October. You can renew online though the new <u>airstreamclub.org</u> website.

New website: As of August, the old WBCCI website was changed from WBCCI.ORG to *airstreamclub.org*. Is a user friendly site that lists all clubs by state and region and events throughout the year. If you have not alreay, check out the new site.

- Remember that the new web address for GHAC has been updated to: greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net
- Hosts We are still looking for hosts/co-hosts for the Christmas Installation Rally. Please sign up!
- Reminder: New GHAC flags are 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. Contact me if you would like to get your very own unit flag.
- Pull tabs for charity. We have amassed a sizeable number of pull tabs to take to Doswell. Remember to bring your pull tabs to the next rally so we can collect for the 2020 International Rally in Colorado.

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# Happy Birthday!!!

#### September

5-Sep	Leslie Spillman	
5-Sep	Maria McAnulty	
6-Sep	Vaughnette Stogdill	
7-Sep	Mary Miller	
10-Sep	Tracy Elkins	
12-Sep	Janice Lange	
12-Sep	Valerie Melgares	
13-Sep	JoAnn Shults	
14-Sep	Jim Mercer	
17-Sep	H. V. Martin	
22-Sep	Chuck Bracht	
22-Sep	Rob Tope	
22-Sep	Darlene Kloesel	
30-Sep	Dale Spillman	

#### October

1-Oct	Mary Ann Boerner	
3-Oct	Mary Etta Zander	
5-Oct	John Boerner	
5-Oct	Rae Gilbert	
7-Oct	Kent Miller	
7-Oct	Till Brown	
7-Oct	Deanna Shepard	
9-Oct	Karen Landrigan	
11-Oct	Liz Watson Gilmore	
14-Oct	Vernon Goodwin Jr	
17-Oct	Alan Billard	
23-Oct	Toni Anderson	
26-Oct	Mike Chruszczak	
26-Oct	Kathy Hartzog	
27-Oct	Nelda Tope	
29-Oct	Kathy Spillman	
30-Oct	Nancy Childers	

# Anniversaines

#### September

6-Sep-80 Adams Andrew & Karen Landrigan

#### October

5-Oct-96 John & Irene Tynes 24-Oct-59 Bob & Vaughnette Stogdill

# THE SUNSHINE CORNER

Helen Teegarden

Labor Day has come and gone; so, for many, that is a signal that summer has come to an end. Schools are back in session, and many of the tourists are back home while others are getting ready for a fall get-away. However, several our friends are not quite ready to travel at the present time as they are still recuperating.

Vernon Goodwin III is doing well after knee surgery and is working hard in physical therapy. Jane Smith, one of our new members, also had knee surgery; but seems to be getting along just fine with the aid of a cane. Jack Williams has spent most of his summer having shoulder surgery and going to many sessions of physical therapy. It has also been a long summer for Irene Lyddon as she waited for approval for her replacement hip surgery and now has been scheduled for early October. Hub Miller had a CT Scan Monday to determine if he is a candidate for surgery but unfortunately the cancer has spread so surgery was cancelled. He will see another doctor next week to discuss other options to beat this cancer. He is at home and eating better and is working with the team of doctors to everything possible to crush this cancer. We are glad to report that Vern Goodwin, past International President, is back to his regular routine after an overnight stay in the hospital for Atrial Fibrillation

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of someone who needs a little "sunshine", please let me know.

Helen's Hint: Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.

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GREATER HOUST AIRSTREAM CLUB UNIT # 155				
Unit Officers:				
President	Jerry Goodwin	# 1131		
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# 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!

