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Rolling into Fall 2019!

We've turned the corner on 2019 and are heading into the home stretch. It's been a long run with many wins and few losses, but we've had another great season! A few more rallies and GHAC will bring home the trophy to wrap up the **44th** year of Airstream adventures along the Gulf Coast.

All the adventurous Alaskan Caravanners made it back to Texas safely from their 3+ month journey to the north country with a myriad of stories to tell and pictures share.



Also, we wrapped up *another* successful Harvest Rally on the Bolivar Peninsula earlier this month. It may have had a smaller turnout but there was plenty to see and do and eat!

Next month's rally is at Stephen F Austin State Park located just a few miles west of town in San Felipe with the Christmas/Installation Rally to follow in December at Coushatta.



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President's Corner:

Fall is in full swing (finally). School is underway, football season has started, we are starting to see bowl games forming up, and the Astros are in the playoffs again! The 'Stros are definitely making this an exciting season for Houston fans.

Frost is on the pumpkin (*well*, not quite yet). Halloween decorations & candy are already on sale but there's still time to pick up your pumpkin. Christmas trees and lights are already available at Home Depot.

After a long, hot summer, it is hard to believe that 2019 is starting to wind down as we look ahead to 2020. For some, however, the pace is picking up steam with all sorts of activities and events planned for the end of the year. Holiday gatherings, Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas parties, travel plans, all adding to the stress of the holidays. It seems like we never have enough time to enjoy the ride. In spite of these challenges, we hope everyone takes time to enjoy the season and the opportunities to travel and visit with friends and family.

Kudos to everyone who organized & ran the Harvest Rally on Bolivar. As President, part of the job is to plan the rallies a year in advance and find places that entice members to attend. It is the hosts who make a rally truly memorable. Our thanks go out to *Vernon & Joletta Goodwin, James & Tonia Goodwin, Jerry & Tracey Calvert, Jack & Beverly Williams* who did an excellent job on hosting this rally, despite some challenges.

With summer in our mirror, we are looking forward to the cooler temps for upcoming rallies. We hope to see everyone at the Stephen F Austin SP Rally in November!

Quote for the road:

"Travel like Gandhi, with simple clothes, open eyes and an uncluttered mind." – Rick Steve

Keep the shiny side up and safe travels!

Jerry & Carol Goodwin

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Up Next:

**8 – 10 November 2019
Buddy Rally
Stephen F Austin State Park**

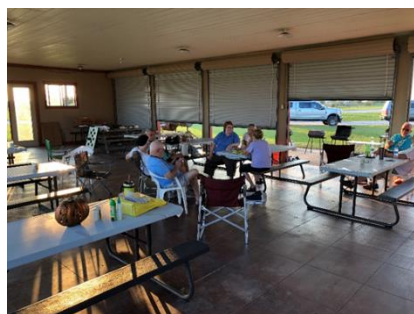


Harvest Rally
Bolivar Peninsula RV Park
Crystal Beach, Texas
3 – 6 October 2019



The first weekend in October made for a wonderful beach-side rally at Bolivar Peninsula RV Park just 10 miles east of the ferry landing on Bolivar Peninsula. Our theme was “Harvest Rally” with the host decorating appropriately.

Early arrivals on Wednesday were your lead hosts Vernon & Joletta Goodwin along with this year’s unit President – Jerry Goodwin and 1st lady Carol along with Grayson the Golden retriever. Upon arrival we discovered the park owners were busy sprucing up the pavilion that we were going to be working out of and had even



added a working refrigerator. Yea! Although your hosts were not privy to any cooking equipment provided, we did what the Marines do – Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome. A dinner out was accomplished at the Tiki Bar & Grill. Great cheeseburgers!



Thursday dawned bright and clear and not too warm. More arrivals were greeted. Tom Harris, James & Tonia Goodwin, Tom & Caren Bundy, Don & Helen Teegarden, Jim & Kathy Hartzog, Jack & Beverly Williams came in later. Dinner that evening was at the famous Stingaree Restaurant & Marina nearby (featured in Southern Living magazine this past month).

Friday’s arrivals were Jerry & Tracey Calvert in their newly re-furbished Airstream followed up by Gene Guthrie & Shirley Holmesly. During the day several toured Fort Travis and other points of interest nearby. Dinner was grill you own and bring a side to share. Dessert was provided by the hosts. The evenings activity was to assemble kites for the “fly in” on Saturday. Unfortunately, the islands permanent residents (mosquitos) attempted to join our party so we adjourned early so that we could assemble them in the morning.



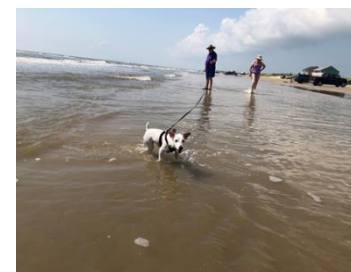
Saturday breakfast was pancakes grilled by our very own expert Jerry Calvert. He even brought his own grill which worked famously. After dues were collected and kites assembled Carol Goodwin led a craft session for the ladies. They made pumpkins using wine corks which they assembled by using hot glue. When the glue cooled, they painted their creations with bright orange paint and green for a stem. Everyone was really pleased with the results.



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Several members wandered over to the beach to attempt to fly their kites. There was some success, however the wind wasn't exactly cooperating that day. Grayson loved the cool water as he laid in it and soaked up the sun, while the Calvert's Jack Russell terrier, Gidget, chased every incoming wave and had a grand time. Lunchtime found our campers trying out some of the nearby restaurants.



Our evening meal was grilled Jerk Pork Tenderloin, complete with grilled onions and mashed potatoes. A Caribbean salad rounded out the meal. Dessert was Pineapple Upside Down cake. Can you say "yum"? Once again, as the sun was setting and we were cleaning up after our meal, the (vampire) mosquitos decided to crash our party and drove us all back to our rigs.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny. Our breakfast was homemade sweet breads along with coffee, juice and fresh fruit. A very thoughtful devotional was given by Jack Williams before we all headed home.

Kudos to our hosts! Thanks for making this another successful GHAC rally!

Hosts: Vernon & Joletta Goodwin
James & Tonia Goodwin
Jerry & Tracey Calvert
Jack & Beverly Williams



Greater Houston Airstream Club

Buddy Rally

November 8 - 10, 2019

**Stephen F Austin State Park
2100 Park Road 38, San Felipe, TX 77473**

Directions: Take I-10 West from Houston to Exit # 723 (San Felipe / Frydek) to FM 1458 (just before Sealy). Turn right (north) on FM 1458 for two miles and then left on Park Road 38. Proceed .08 miles to park entrance. *Latitude: 29.811982, Longitude: -96.108059.* You may want to look at alternate routes as there are significant delays on I-10 due to construction.

Hosts: Jack & Autumn Isbell
Co-hosts: Michael & Carrie Iversen

Camping Fees: \$25.00 per night f/30 amp *First night's reservation has been paid by club. Balance of the reservation to be paid upon arrival. Stop and check in at office and pay park daily fee (5\$ daily). Please bring cash in case the ranger is away and you must use the self-pay station. If you have Texas State Park Pass, entry is free.*

Rally Fee: **\$13.00 per person (plus camping fee)** Please bring Table Service to all meals

Thursday November 7

5:00 PM – Social Hour
5:45 PM – Depart for Dinner (Cazadore's Mexican Restaurant)
After dinner – Visiting, information, and games if interested

Friday November 8

Parking all day
Breakfast and lunch on your own
9:45 AM – Caravan to San Felipe de Austin State Historic site for tour (fee TBD)
5:00 PM – Social Hour – *Last names A-L bring light appetizer*
*6:00 PM – Potluck Dinner – Bring a dish to Share – Hosts will furnish dessert

Saturday November 9

7:30 AM – Early Coffee
8:30 AM – Breakfast provided by hosts
9:00 AM – Pay Rally Fees
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Father of Texas Celebration at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site (free event)
Lunch on your own – Visit local attractions
5:00 PM – Social Hour – *Last names M-Z bring light appetizer*
6:00 PM – Dinner by Hosts

Sunday November 10

7:30 AM – Early Coffee
8:30 AM – Breakfast provided by Hosts
9:30 AM – Devotional

Please e-mail or phone your reservations to Autumn Laughrun by October 20th
alaughrun@hotmail.com
281-974-6044

Name(s) _____ Rig# _____ MH/Trailer _____ 30amp ___ 50amp ___
Arrival _____ Departure _____

Greater Houston Airstream Club Christmas & Installation Rally

December 5 - 8, 2019

Coushatta RV Ranch

2812 Nelius Road, Bellville, TX 77418

Tentative Rally Agenda

Directions: Go west on I-10 and exit 720 (Sealy-Bellville). Go north on Hwy 36 about 5 miles to FM 331. Turn right on FM 331 and go about 4 miles to Coushatta Road. Turn left on Coushatta Road and go about 2 miles to Nelius Road. Turn left and go about 1 mile and then follow signs straight into the RV park.
You may want to consider alternate routes as there are significant delays on I-10 due to construction.

Hosts: TBD

Co-hosts: TBD

Camping Fees: \$24.00 cash (\$26.00 check) per night

Rally Fee: **\$25.00 per person**

Please bring Table Service to all meals

Thursday December 5

Early Arrivals/Parking

5:00 PM – Social Hour

6:00 PM – Bring your own meat to grill and a side to share. Hosts to furnish dessert.

Friday December 6

Rally Starts

Parking all day

Breakfast and lunch on your own

5:00 PM – Social Hour (*Odd number rigs to provide snacks*)

6:00 PM – Dinner provided by Hosts

7:00 PM – Gift Exchange. Bring ONE new wrapped gift per person of \$10 value.

Saturday December 7

7:30 AM – Early Coffee

8:30 AM – Breakfast provided by hosts

9:30 AM – Pay Rally Fees

10:00 AM – Activity TBD

Lunch on your own

2:30 PM – Craft session/Maintenance Seminar (topic TBD)

4:00 PM – Board Meeting

5:00 PM – Social Hour (*Even number rigs to provide snacks*)

6:00 PM – Catered Dinner provided by Howard

8:00 PM – Officer Installation/Reception

Special things to bring for this Rally:

- **Something to grill & a side to share for Thursday night dinner**
- **\$10.00 exchange Christmas gift per person**
- **Small Christmas ornament with your name on it for the Club Christmas Tree**

Sunday December 8

Rally Ends

7:30 AM – Early Coffee

8:30 AM – Continental Breakfast

9:30 AM – Devotional

Please e-mail or phone your reservations to Jerry Goodwin by November 27th

jlq79@comcast.net

281-787-6687

Name(s) _____ WBCCI # _____
30amp _____ 50amp _____ Arrival _____

MH _____ Trailer _____
Departure _____

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, Iversen

December 6-8

CHRISTMAS INSTALLATION RALLY

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

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

If you are interested in hosting any of these rallies, please contact Clark Gardner @ rcg1@sbcglobal.net.

Welcome new GHAC members!

The club continues to grow each month! I overlooked including a few new members in last month's newsletter:

- Mary Lynne Rome WBCCI # 3497 – joined in August
- Anthony & Diane Carreiro WBCCI # 7998 – joined in August

If you see new members at any rallies, please join us in giving them a warm welcome to the club!

Notes from the head office:

Reminder: **Annual membership renewals are due in October/November.** It is easy to renew online though the new airstreamclub.org website.

- Hosts - We need hosts & co-hosts for the *Christmas Installation Rally*. Please sign up!
- Please remember to bring your aluminum can pull tabs for charity to the rallies.

Tech tip:

I wanted to pass along an issue that a few members experienced recently with electrical power. While hooked into the park power, several rigs experienced a surge in power that triggered an over voltage situation. I believe that the issue was due to an "open ground" on the power post that created a power surge into the rigs. This situation resulted in a spike in the voltage on the trailers which tripped the breakers and created issues with electronics. Even with a surge protector on one of the rigs, this condition resulted in some fried breakers and ancillary damage to some of the 12-volt electronics like the inverters and controller boards for refrigerators. Even with years of camping in various sites, this is the first time I am aware of this issue. I acquired a Progressive 30 AMP surge protector ahead of my trip to Doswell this summer and used it infrequently throughout our summer travels, but I plan to make it a part of my standard procedure going forward. This is not intended as a sales pitch for this brand, but just a general "heads up" for everyone. We've all invested too much time and money on our rigs to have this ruin our plans.

For Sale

2015 28' Flying Cloud

Delivered new November 2015. Approximately 16,200 towed miles to date.

Duct heating/AC system with heat pump. Twin air conditioners.

Dinette and bedroom televisions. Stereo system. Full-length mirror. Microwave/convection oven. Pressure Pro tire sensors system included.

Queen-sized bed in rear. Front lounge and dinette areas. Sleeps six. Black Ultraleather décor. Several black, brown, gold and brown/gold checked throw pillows.

Priced \$60,000 range. Call Don Reeves at **979-885-1398** for more information or trailer inspection.

Happy Birthday!!!

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

November

9-Nov	Don Teegarden
11-Nov	David Haas
13-Nov	Sofia Smythe
16-Nov	Cheryl Chanaud
17-Nov	Charlie Jacobs
18-Nov	Renee Carantza
19-Nov	Tanya Slayton Tilles
21-Nov	Jim Hartzog
23-Nov	Kathy Blanchard
25-Nov	Scott Mercer
26-Nov	Searcy Kracke
28-Nov	Ricky Elkins
28-Nov	Kirk Guidry
28-Nov	John Sheridan
30-Nov	Bob Hansen

Happy Anniversary!!

October

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

November

4-Nov-06	Mark & Ginger Hancock
5-Nov-83	Steve & Ginger Zeringue
14-Nov-84	Robert & Rebecca Perere
20-Nov-93	Dan & Maria McNulty
21-Nov-84	Rob & Jonette Schmidt
23-Nov-73	Vernon & Jo Goodwin III
27-Nov-71	Mike & Mary Chruszczak
28-Nov-63	Bill & Barbara Dodson

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

Helen Teegarden

BOOOO

Ghosts and Goblins may soon come out, but not all our friends are up and about.

After a painful hernia attack and a trip to the ER, the doctor determined Jose Melgares will need surgery on November 5 to correct the problem.

Irene Lyddon is home and recovering slowly from her recent hip replacement surgery. She is not ready to run a marathon, but she is looking forward to attending the December rally.

Sherry Miller has sent an update on Hub. He is currently in a Clinical Trial for liver cancer as surgery is no longer an option. He goes to the hospital once a week for treatment. At the end of nine weeks, the doctors will assess the situation to find out if there is progress. As with most treatments like this there are side effects, which Hub and Sherry are dealing with.

Jerry Calvert informed us that Tracey's mother passed away last weekend. There will be a private family only service in Palestine, Texas in the weeks to come.

Please continue to keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

A Hint from Helen: *To experience peace does not mean that your life is always blissful. It means that you are capable of tapping into a blissful state of mind amidst the chaos of life.*

GREATER HOUST AIRSTREAM CLUB UNIT # 155

2019 Unit Officers:

President	Jerry Goodwin	# 1131
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3 rd Vice President	<i>Open</i>	
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Trustee 2 Years		
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Trustee 1 Year	Tom Taroni	# 2162
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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!

Bob Jones

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Airstream adventures this fall!*