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Rounding out 2019!

Looks fall has finally shown up on the Gulf Coast. A blue norther rolled through the state earlier this month and turned the weather colder. A typical Texas fall day: an afternoon stroll with temps in the mid-70s turns into a chilly 36° morning walk with the dog. Just enough temp drop to put a frost on the pumpkin and make you turn on the furnace at night. After a long, hot summer, we are looking forward to enjoying some cooler temps for a while. At least something cold enough to kill off the mosquitoes for a little while.

Earlier this month, we held a great Buddy Rally at Stephen F Austin State Park. Despite some weather challenges, we had an excellent turnout with a few new members and guests.

As we wind down 2019, we look forward to celebrating the holidays with our GHAC family and wrap up the **44th** year of Airstream adventures along the Gulf Coast. We are anticipating that next month's Christmas/Installation rally at Coushatta RV Ranch will be a great time to celebrate the holidays with everyone. Please let Tom Harris know **ASAP** if you plan to attend!



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President's Corner:

Thanksgiving is a season of harvest and giving thanks for our blessings. The harvest in and we prepare for the upcoming winter and holiday season. This has been a long and fruitful year for GHAC.

Congrats to the Astros for winning the ALCS championship once again! We had hoped to enjoy a repeat as World Series Champions and see Mattress Mac pay off on his promise but, unfortunately, that wasn't the cards for this year. Football season is starting to wind down as college playoffs and bowl game matchups are lining up.

Christmas trees, lights and decorations are already on sale at various stores and some adventurous people have been taking advantage of Black Friday Sales. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the holidays and gotten enough turkey and dressing before hitting the malls. I hope that you remembered the most important rule when hitting the mall or Walmart on Black Friday: please to hold your phone horizontally when recording any fights.

After a long, hot summer, 2019 is winding down and we are looking ahead to 2020. Everyone is busy preparing for the upcoming holiday season. Family gatherings, Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas parties, travel plans, all add to the stress of the holidays. It seems like we never have enough time to enjoy the ride, yet, despite these challenges, we hope everyone takes time to celebrate the season and the opportunities to travel and visit with friends and family.

Kudos to everyone who organized & ran the Buddy Rally at Stephen F Austin State Park. One of my chief concerns with this November rally was the weather. A large part of the group arrived on Thursday in a serious gully washer of a storm. When we set up camp on Wednesday, all sites were clear and dry and in good shape. By the time the front went through on Thursday, a fair amount of standing water was throughout the park and several campsites turned into lake front property. We had to move one rig to different site and eventually the details worked out so that everyone had a good time. I attribute the success of this rally to our hosts: Autumn & Jack Isbell, Carrie & Michael Iversen did a fantastic job hosting this rally, even with some weather challenges.

Quote for the road:

"Life is a voyage of discovery..." - Unknown

Keep the shiny side up and safe travels!

Jerry & Carol Goodwin
#1131

Up Next:

Christmas/Installation Rally
5 - 8 December 2019
Coushatta RV Ranch
Bellville, Texas





Buddy Rally

**Stephen F Austin State Park
San Felipe, Texas
8 – 10 November 2019**

The first weekend in November was a great time for a rally at a local state park. Stephen F Austin a jewel of a park located a few miles west of town just north of I10 on the banks of the Brazos River. A very nice wooded park with plenty of campsites and trails to explore as well as an amazing historical site adjacent to the park to visit. This month's theme was "Buddy

Rally" where we extended an invitation to several non-Airstream people outside of the Airstream family to join our merry band of travelers.

A few early arrivals set up on Wednesday while the majority arrived on Thursday when an arctic front rolled across the state with heavy rain and big drop in temperatures. Many people set up in the rain and a few sites were a bit waterlogged. One site took on enough water that we had to move

After the rain let up, we took the short drive over to Sealy for dinner at Cazadore's Mexican Restaurant.



On Friday, we woke up to blustery temps but no more rain. Jack & Autumn led a contingent to head over



to the new San Felipe de Austin Historic site for a tour. A fantastic tour of the new museum that gave some great insight about the



town of San Felipe de Austin and how it was burned down during the Texas Revolution. After the museum tour,



we returned to the park and the hosts set up the dining hall for weekend use. To mitigate the cooler temps, we put up tarps around inside of the building to keep the room warm.

Saturday breakfast served up breakfast tacos served by our hosts. After dues were paid, it left the day open for tours of the park and area. A brisk happy hour followed by dinner with some great Pasta e Fagioli served up by Autumn & Jack Isbell. We have some amazing cooks in our ranks that can serve up some delicious meals at our rallies.



We also welcomed some guests and new members to our rally. Kelly & Lori Passmore joined the club earlier this year, but this was the first rally they were able to attend. Connie & Robin Heard were new members from the Gulf Coast Unit but they have transferred their membership to GHAC to join our rallies. Bennet Green is a member of the New England Airstream Club (064) and has been on a 9-month road trip when he wound up in Stephen F Austin State Park ahead of our rally and decided to join our festivities. We are happy to have them join our merry little band of travelers and hope to see them at some of our upcoming events.



Bennet Green



Kelly & Lori Passmore



Connie & Robin Heard

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny. Our breakfast was homemade sweet breads along with coffee, juice and fresh fruit. A very thoughtful devotional about Veteran's Day was given by Jack Isbell before we broke camp and headed home.

Our profound gratitude to our hosts! Thanks for making this *another* successful GHAC rally!

*Hosts: Autumn & Jack Isbell
Carrie & Michael Iversen*



Greater Houston Airstream Club Christmas & Installation Rally

December 5 - 8, 2019

Coushatta RV Ranch

2812 Nelius Road, Bellville, TX 77418

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: Shirley Holmesly, Gene Guthrie, Tom Harris, Bruce Lee, Caren & Tom Bundy

Camping Fees: \$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 – Catered 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: *Bellville Market Days*

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

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 or a new pair of socks 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 Tom Harris by November 27th

tfharris60@gmail.com

832-623-8114

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

MH _____ Trailer _____
Departure _____

Greater Houston Airstream Club

2020 New Year Rally

December 30 – January 1, 2020

Coushatta RV Ranch

2812 Nelius Road, Bellville, TX 77418

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: Alan, Bernadine & Ashley Billard, Fred Walschburger, Sue Gaines, Tom Harris, Bruce Lee, Leslie Spillman

Camping Fees: \$26.00 (check) per night

Rally Fee: TBD Please bring Table Service to all meals

Sunday December 29 *Early Arrivals/Parking*
Parking all day. No planned activities

Monday December 30 *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 – Potluck Dinner (Even # rigs Meats, Odd # rigs Sides & Salads)
Desert by hosts
7:00 PM – Olde’s music and Karaoke entertainment

Tuesday December 31
8:00 AM – Breakfast
9:00 AM – Pay Rally Fees
Lunch on your own
5:00 PM – Social Hour (*Even number rigs to provide snacks*)
6:00 PM – Catered Dinner (by Nelius Crew)
7:30 PM – Games and entertainment
11:00 PM – New Year Celebration and Fireworks

Wednesday January 1 *Rally Ends*
9:00 AM – Continental Breakfast

Happy New Year and Safe Travels!

Please e-mail or phone your reservations to Alan Billard by December 23rd

abillard@usa.net

281-496-1769

Name(s) _____ WBCCI # _____ MH _____ Trailer _____
30amp _____ 50amp _____ Arrival _____ Departure _____

**GREATER HOUSTON AREA AIRSTREAM CLUB
UNIT #155**

**ANNUAL LUNCHEON
SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 2020
CARRABBA'S – THE ORIGINAL ON KIRBY
3115 KIRBY DRIVE, HOUSTON, TX**

***PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY
CLARK AND DEBBIE GARDNER***

COCKTAIL HOUR 11:30-12:00 (Cash Bar)
lunch served at 12:00

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ENTREES @ \$28.00 PER PERSON
(Make your choice at Restaurant)

*House Salad
Entrée Selections*

1. *PAPPARDELLE CAMPAGNOLO* sweet peppers, Mr. C's Italian sausage, caprine cheese, pomodora
2. *SHRIMP DAMIAN* sautéed in garlic butter, served with fettuccine Alfredo
3. *PASTA CARRABBA* fettuccine "alfredo style" tossed with grilled chicken, mushrooms and peas
4. *CAPPELLETTI* stuffed with chicken, ricotta and spinach in a tomato cream sauce

DESSERT

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECKS (MADE OUT TO: GHAC#155) TO:

TOM HARRIS 33403 WINDCREST ESTATES, MAGNOLIA, TX 77354

ALL CHECKES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 11, 2020

DRESS CODE DRESSY

**HOSTS: TOM HARRIS, FRED WALSHBURGER & SUE GAINES
BRUCE LEE & LESLIE SPILMAN**

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: Harris, Bundy, Guthrie, & Lee

2020 Rally Schedule

Dates	Events	Location
Dec 29 - Jan 1	New Year's Rally	Coushatte RV Ranch
Jan 18	Annual Luncheon	Carrabba's on Kirby
Feb 12 - 16	Mid-Winter Rally	Summer Breeze Cut-N-Shoot (Conroe)
Mar 12 - 15	March Rally	Conroe KOA
<i>Apr 14 - 19</i>	<i>Region 9 Rally</i>	<i>Mineola, Texas</i>
Apr 23 - 26	April Rally	Jamaica Beach RV Park
May 21 - 25	Memorial Day Rally	Johnson Creek RV (Ingram)
<i>June 20 - 27</i>	<i>63rd International Rally</i>	<i>Loveland, Colorado</i>
Sep 3 - 7	Labor Day Rally	Blue Lagoon RV (Rockport)
Oct 1 - 4	October Rally	Brazos bend 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.

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

“THE ROARING 20S”



Mineola Civic Center
1150 N Newsom Street
Mineola, Texas 75773

Region 9 Activities

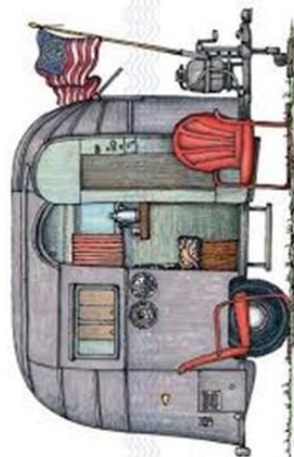
- Breakfasts
- Dinners
- Door Prizes
- Entertainment
- Flea Market
- Ice Cream
- Seminars
- Games

**Region 9
Texas - Oklahoma**



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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**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**

Welcome new GHAC members!

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

- Joseph & Crystal Mathis WBCCI # 4692 – joined in September
- Connie & Robin Heard WBCCI # 5035 – joined in October
- Dan & Rose Nugteren WBCCI # 7091 – joined in November

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

Reminder: **Annual membership renewals are due by the Saturday!** If you have not already done so, you will need to renew to update our club roster with WBCCI and insure your name is properly listed in the 2020 Blue Beret directory. It is so easy to renew online though the airstreamclub.org website that even a caveman could do it!

Tech tip:

This month's tip is a tire reminder. Watch age & condition of your wheels to avoid any headaches on the road. There is an ongoing debate on AIR Forum on tires regarding brands, maintenance, monitoring systems, etc. While I have no intention of wading into *that* pool, I wanted to remind everyone to be vigilant in tire maintenance. Simple rules: Check your tires before you head out. Tire pressure, condition, age, lug nut torque are all key factors in avoiding problems. Tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMS) have become standard equipment on new vehicles and trailers and they can sometimes help spot a problem before it gets ugly. Last year, I installed Goodyear Endurance tires prior to heading up to International in Salem just to play it safe. I use a Pressure Pro TPMS system to monitor the pressure in the tires. Even with those safeguards, I hit a road gator that sheared off one of the sensors, but it did not cause any damage to our rig. A blowout can tear up lines or valves or panels and result in some serious (\$\$\$\$) damage.

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/conversion 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!!!

December

11-Dec	Caren Bundy
11-Dec	Dorma Kindle
12-Dec	Arnold Zander
12-Dec	Sharon Guidry
17-Dec	Lisa Feine
22-Dec	Thomas Ketchum
22-Dec	Randy Wooley
25-Dec	Barbara Dodson
26-Dec	Don Reeves
27-Dec	Tony Carreiro
28-Dec	Lowell Anderson
28-Dec	Fred Kracke
30-Dec	Tom Bundy
31-Dec	Chris Carantza

Happy Anniversary!!

December

3-Dec-05	Jim & Kathy Hartzog
4-Dec-62	Bill & Joanne Miller
8-Dec-96	Ricky & Tracy Elkins
14-Dec-12	Tony & Diane Carreiro
15-Dec-10	Jack & Autumn Isbell
18-Dec-71	Jerry & Tracey Calvert
18-Dec-82	Matthey & Deanna Shepard
20-Dec-69	Robert & Joan Smith
20-Dec-07	Mark & Yvonne Hannigan
21-Dec-81	Jim & Tonia Goodwin
23-Dec-61	Hub & Sherry Miller
26-Dec-78	Jose & Valerie Melgares
30-Dec-66	Dave & Jan Rightmyer

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

Helen Teegarden

November brings cool breezes, falling leaves and a chill in the air. However, that did not detour some of our "walking wounded" from attending the November rally. It was good to see Irene Lyddon out and about after several months of different surgeries for her hip. Jack William's shoulder repair is coming along although not as fast as Jack would like. Vernon has made good progress with his knee replacement but is still not ready to run a marathon.

We are still missing a couple of our members who have health issues. Searcy Kracke is being treated for an open wound on her leg due to her lymphedema. They have sold their home. Searcy is living in The Legacy, an assisted living place in Richmond and Fred has moved into an apartment in the area.

The latest news from Sherry Miller regarding Hub is, "Hub is participating in a Clinical trial for liver cancer, trying out 2 new drugs. We recently found out that the tumors are shrinking. He is currently in the hospital due to a recent fall but hopes to go home soon."

Please keep all these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember to count your blessings, for you have many. Happy Thanksgiving.



GREATER HOUST AIRSTREAM CLUB UNIT # 155

2019 Unit Officers:

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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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& SERVICE**

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*Get out there and enjoy your
Airstream adventures this fall!*