



# COYOTE TALES



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## Wrapping up 2019!

As we wrap up another great year, we look back on all the fun we have had in 2019. Lots of great adventures and exciting stories to share from the road.

Last weekend, we held another great rally at our stomping grounds, Coushatta RV Ranch in Bellville. The weather for the weekend was perfect, just exactly what we ordered. Everyone had a wonderful time as we celebrated the Christmas holidays and inducted the 2020 Officers for the Greater Houston Airstream Club.

As we close out this year, we look forward to celebrating the holidays with our GHAC family and wrap up the **44<sup>th</sup> year** of Airstream adventures along the Gulf Coast. We anticipate that the New Year Rally at Coushatta RV Ranch will be a great way to ring in 2020 with everyone. Please contact Alan Billard **ASAP** if you plan to attend!



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## President's Corner:

We take time this holiday season to give thanks for the any blessings we have had over this past year. The harvest in and we prepare for the upcoming winter and holiday season. 2019 has been a long and fruitful year for GHAC and, with a few weeks until Christmas, we are running full steam into the holidays. Holidays parties, trees, lights, presents all add to the festive season, but we should take time to stop and remember the meaning of the season and give thanks for our blessings.

Kudos again to our hosts who organized & ran the Christmas Rally this past weekend with a very *short* planning horizon. Tom Harris took over the lead host roll at November's Buddy Rally and recruited a great crew of co-hosts to organize and run the rally. GHAC has been camping at Coushatta RV Ranch for over 40+ years and we have always enjoyed the country atmosphere. With the recent news of the sale of the property, we are unsure of any changes or plans for the park the new owner may have, but we hope to keep enjoying the park for years to come.



Carol & I would like to thank everyone for your help throughout the year. We wouldn't have achieved our objectives without your help. At times, we might have had to sweat a few details, but we were able to organize and coordinate all the rallies despite some interesting twists and turns. Besides, life is full of challenges and it is change that keeps it from getting stale. Besides, whenever faced with challenges, I always think of the mantra: *Improvise, Adapt & Overcome*. It hardly seems like it has been a year since we took over the reins from Hub & Sherry, but it has come time to turn over the helm to the next President and First Lady. We would like thank Clark & Debbie for taking on this role and wish them the best of luck in 2020. We know that they have many exciting rallies and activities planned for the year and we look forward to sharing the adventure with everyone.

Quote for the road: *"Life is a voyage of discovery..." - Unknown*

Keep the shiny side up and safe travels!

*Jerry & Carol Goodwin*  
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**Up Next:**

**New Year Rally**  
**29 December – 1 January 2020**  
**Coushatta RV Ranch**  
**Bellville, Texas**



## *Christmas/Installation Rally*

**Coushatta RV Ranch Park  
Bellville, Texas  
5 - 8 December 2019**

The 2019 GHAC Christmas and Installation Rally was held December 5 - 8 at the Coushatta RV Ranch in Bellville, Texas. Hosts Shirley Holmesly & Gene Guthrie along with co-hosts Caren & Tom Bundy, Tom Harris, Bruce Lee and Fred Walschburger greeted Thursday arrivals Tracey & Jerry Calvert, Carol & Jerry Goodwin, Jolletta & Vernon Goodwin, Carrie & Michael Iverson, Barbara & Jim Mercer, Joanna & Bill Miller, Jan & Dave Rightmyer, Helen & Don Teegarden and Laurie & Rick Vice (attending their first GHAC rally). After setting up, everyone grilled meat and shared side dishes to complete a beautiful camping day.



On Friday, several people enjoyed a tour of Newman's Castle in Bellville. It's not every day that you get to tour a medieval castle in Texas.



Friday afternoon we were joined by Connie & Robin Heard (new transfer members to GHAC), Dorma & Bill Kindle, Irene & Jerry Lyddon, and Lisa & Daniel Schwarz. That evening the hosts provided a fine lasagna dinner. After dinner we received a visit from Santa Claus (Fred) and his team of reindeer (Bruce, Caren & Tom, Shirley & Gene, Laurie & Rick) which lead into our gift exchange. A great time was had by all as we opened gifts or stole someone else's gift.

### **Christmas Gift Exchange**





On Saturday after a breakfast of eggs, sausage and fruit we had a free day to relax, tour Bellville, watch football, attend a maintenance seminar lead by Vern Goodwin or participate in a craft activity lead by Carol Goodwin. A GHAC board meeting was held later in the afternoon. Joining us Saturday were Debbie Pfunder & Clark Gardner, Sue Gaines, Vern Goodwin, Sr. and Michael Goodwin. Dinner was catered by Hinze's BBQ and Catering. Our Officer installation was held after dinner. New President Clark Gardner gave his welcoming speech and long-time GHAC members (now affiliate members) Rae & Ronn Gilbert provided Debbie and Clark with gifts to help them throughout the coming year. Tom Harris and Fred Walschburger subbing for Rae & Ronn in presenting the gifts.



2020 Officer Installation



We woke up to a foggy Sunday morning as the hosts provided a continental breakfast and Bruce Lee provided the devotional. Afterwards people headed home. Of special notice for this rally was the great weather we had every day in Bellville.

While we had the opportunity, we had to get a great picture of the past presidents of GHAC at the rally.



Greater Houston Airstream Club  
Past Presidents

*Thanks for the memories!*

Looking back at 2019, Carol & I wanted to thank all of our hosts for the various rallies throughout the year. We appreciate their help in organizing & running these rallies. I've said this before, it's the hosts that can make a rally fun and interesting and we've had many great rallies this year.



*2019 in the rearview mirror (a few pictures of GHAC's adventures) ...*







# Greater Houston Airstream Club

## 2020 New Year Rally

*December 30 – January 1, 2020*

**Coushatte RV Ranch**

2812 Nelius Road, Bellville, TX 77418

**Directions:** Go west on I-10 to exit 720 (Sealy). Go North on Hwy 36 about 5 miles to FM 331. Turn right on FM 331 and go about 4 miles to Coushatte Road. Turn left on Coushatte Road and go about 2 miles to Nelius Road. Turn left and go about 1 mile, then follow signs straight into the RV park. *You may want to consider alternate routes as there may be 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 all day. No planned activities

**Monday December 30** *Rally Starts*  
Breakfast and lunch on your own  
5:00 PM – Social Hour (*Odd # rigs to provide snacks*)  
6:00 PM – Potluck Dinner (Even # Meats, Odd # Sides & Salads)  
Desert by hosts  
7:00 PM – Olde's music and games

**Tuesday December 31**  
8:00 AM – Breakfast  
9:00 AM – Pay Rally Fees  
Lunch on your own  
5:00 PM – Social Hour (*Even # rigs to provide snacks*)  
6:00 PM – Dinner by Hosts  
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 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**[abillard@usa.net](mailto:abillard@usa.net) 281-496-1769**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_ 30 amp \_\_\_\_\_ 50 amp \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

# Greater Houston Airstream Club

## Mid-Winter Rally

### Summer Breeze RV Resort

3043 Waukegan Rd. Conroe, Texas 77306

(936) 264-2854

February 13 - 16, 2020

**DIRECTIONS:** From Houston take I 45 N to exit 84B toward 336 Loop. Turn right on 336 E for 5.4 miles. Turn right onto TX 105E for 3.8 miles. Turn right onto Waukegan Rd for 0.6 miles. Summer Breeze will be on your left.

**Hosts:** Jim and Barbara Mercer, Jerry and Tracey Calvert, Don and Helen Teegarden

**Please bring table service to all meals.**

**PARKING FEE:** \$40.00

**RALLY FEE:** To be determined (estimated \$15.00 per person)

#### Thursday, February 13

*Early Arrivals*

5 PM - Happy Hour

6 PM - Bring something to grill and a side to share

#### Friday, February 14

*Breakfast and Lunch on your own*

5 PM - Happy Hour (Odd number rigs bring appetizers)

6 PM - Dinner provided by hosts

7:30 PM - Valentine "Minute to Win It" Games

#### Saturday, February 15

8:30 AM - Breakfast by hosts

*Lunch on your own*

5 PM - Happy Hour (Even number rigs bring appetizers)

6 PM - Dinner by Hosts

7:30 PM - Murder Mystery Game

#### Sunday, February 16

8:30 AM - Continental Breakfast by Hosts

9:30 AM - Devotional



**Call Summer Breeze RV Resort at (936) 264-2854 to make your reservation by January 13.**

**Contact hosts Jim and Barbara Mercer**

**(281) 744-0683**

[jimmercer42@gmail.com](mailto:jimmercer42@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Greater Houston Airstream Club 2020 Rally Schedule

Dates	Events	Location
Dec 29 - Jan 1	New Year's Rally	Coushatta RV Ranch
Jan 18	Annual Luncheon	Carrabba's on Kirby
Feb 13 - 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](mailto: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**

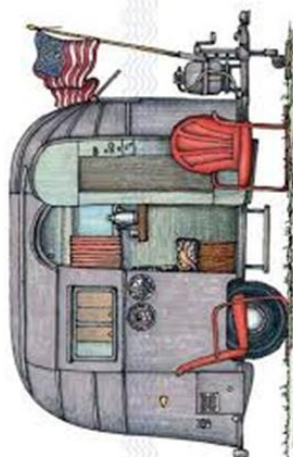
- Breakfasts
- Dinners
- Door Prizes
- Entertainment
- Flea Market
- Ice Cream
- Seminars
- Games

**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:**

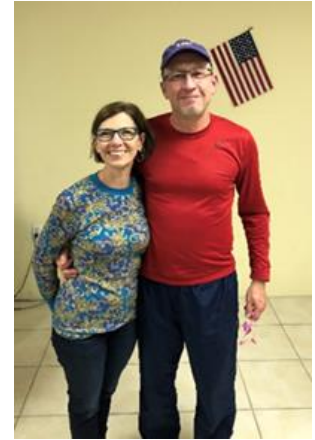
**WBCCI Region 9  
 Mail To: David Thompson  
 2200 4th Avenue #305  
 Canyon, Texas 79015**

## Welcome new GHAC members!

The club continues to grow each month! At the December Rally, we welcomed Rick & Lori Vice to their first GHAC rally.

- Rick & Lori Vice WBCCI # 1743 – joined in January

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



### Tech tip:

Over 1600 members have signed up for next summer's 63rd International Rally in Loveland, Colorado. The rally runs from 20 – 27 June 2020 at the Ranch Event Complex in Loveland. For those going to Colorado, the rally committee is already posting information and updates online ([loveland.airstreamclub.net](http://loveland.airstreamclub.net)). One of the key concerns voiced by several has been with power. Loveland will provide **20 AMP** and water to all rigs. This means everyone will have to manage power consumption throughout the rally to prevent problems. Per the Rally Team, you will **not** be able to run you're A/C *even with a Micro Air Easy Start system*. More details & information (aka the "Principle of 7") are available at the Loveland website. Loveland is ~5000 feet elevation and should have somewhat cooler temps that we had in Virginia this past July, but, if you plan to run your AC, you will have to move to the Personal General Section. Deadline to shift your site to the Generator section is **18 December 2019**.



## Happy Birthday!!!

### January

1-Jan	Bill Miller
1-Jan	Lyle Snow
2-Jan	Bruce Lee
2-Jan	Peggy Snow
4-Jan	Sally Mercer
5-Jan	Mark Hannigan
5-Jan	Irene Tynes
7-Jan	Ginger Zeringue
10-Jan	Jack Williams
12-Jan	Nancy Dionne
14-Jan	Melanie Chapman
15-Jan	Tracey Calvert
15-Jan	Barbara Mercer
22-Jan	Gene Guthrie
26-Jan	Dennis Roberts
28-Jan	Dave Jr Rightmyer
28-Jan	June Hutson
28-Jan	Helen Teegarden
31-Jan	Robert Chapman

## Happy Anniversary!!

### January

1-Jan-83	Rick & Jeanette Bowen
5-Jan-79	Lowell & Toni Anderson
17-Jan-86	Kirk & Sharon Guidry
21-Jan-61	Bill & Dorma Kindle
21-Jan-12	Kent & Darlene Kloesel Miller
23-Jan-76	Randy & Connie Wooley
25-Jan-89	Lyle & Peggy Snow
26-Jan-85	Bob & Tina Miller
27-Jan-82	John & Mary Ann Boerner

## THE SUNSHINE CORNER

*Carol Goodwin*

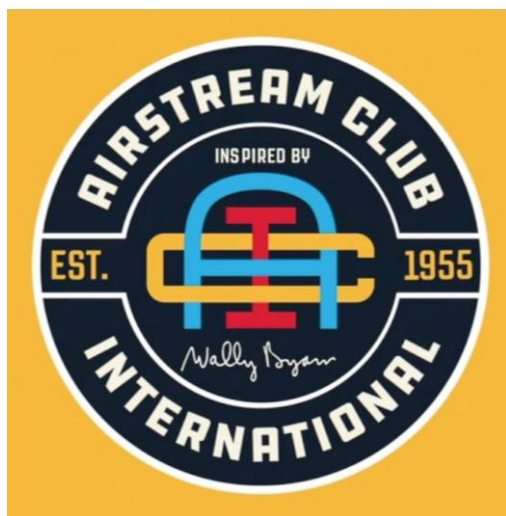
December brings cooler temps, frost on the Airstream and, *hopefully*, the end of mosquito season. Carol has taken over the Sunshine Corner from Helen Teegarden and will however continue to contact club members for updates. Thanks for Helen for doing a great job with the Sunshine Corner for the past 2+ years!

Our past president, Hub Miller, has been dealing with liver cancer this year and is presently in a skilled nursing facility to improve his strength. Sherry spends a lot of time with him there. She says it's a slow process. She really appreciates all the nice cards and prayers from everyone. His sister, Searcy Kracke, reports that he was happy to get a recent shave and a haircut. Searcy, herself, is doing okay dealing with the lymphedema in her leg. We wish them both the best.

Please keep all these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes and good health to everyone in 2020.

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*





## GREATER HOUST AIRSTREAM CLUB UNIT # 155

### 2020 Unit Officers:

President	Clark Gardner	# 2646
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Bruce Lee	# 5461
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	<i>Open</i>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	<i>Open</i>	
Recording Secretary	Barbara Mercer	# 1353
Corresponding Secretary	Debbie Pfunder	# 2646
Treasurer	Jerry Lyddon	# 7746
Assistant Treasurer	Caren Bundy	# 2835
Trustee 2 Years	Jim Mercer	# 1353
Trustee 2 Years	Tom Harris	# 1373
Trustee 1 Year	Jerry Calvert	# 30333
Trustee 1 Year	Lee Jordan	# 7084
Parliamentarian	Joanne Miller	# 4958
Immediate Past President	Jerry Goodwin	# 1131

### 2019 Committee Chairpersons:

Constitution & Bylaws	Vernon Goodwin III	# 1311
Crafts & Projects	Carol Goodwin	# 1131
Directory Editor	Bill Miller	# 4958
Electronic Communications	Tom Bundy	# 2835
Health	<i>TBD</i>	
Membership	Joletta Goodwin	# 1311
Newsletter Editors	Debbie Pfunder	# 2646



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<https://greaterhouston.airstreamclub.net/>



## *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** RV REPAIRS & SERVICE

**GOT A PROBLEM?  
WE CAN FIX IT**

We also install Blue Ox tow-bars

Call Bob or Chris at  
**713-910-2949**



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