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## President's Message

Fall has definitely arrived. Most of my hummingbirds have taken flight south. The snout nosed butterflies started migrating through on Saturday and Sunday. The high winds on Monday basically cleared them out.

It is great to welcome our newest members: Michelle and Mark Edmunds, Cheryl Mutschler and Virginia and Lester Johnson. We look forward to meeting them in person.

Just a reminder to renew your WBCCI Airstream membership. Web site is as follows: [airstreamclub.org/renew](http://airstreamclub.org/renew).

Our first rally of the fall is all set for Schulenburg on October 15-18. The response has been great and we have all our sites full. At the moment the Schulenburg RV Park is also full. I am making a stand-by list if anyone is interested. Naturally you are welcome to drive in for any of the days. We will be utilizing outside facilities for as many of our activities as possible. There will be not breakfast or dinner service on any rally day. Masks must be worn when necessary, social distancing will be in force and temperatures will be checked. Staying COVID SAFE is our number one priority.

Our business meeting will be on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. on the covered porch across from the park office. In case of rain we will meet inside the club house.

The October Rally schedule is in this newsletter. There are numerous towns close by that we will be able to explore and restaurants that provide take-out service.

November 11-15 will be a four-day rally at Oakdale RV Park in Glen Rose, Texas. Philip and Lucy Vasquez are hosting and excited that we are coming. If you would like to assist as a second host please contact Philip at 254-796-4600. This will be an awesome rally and a must see adventure to Fossil Rim and Dinosaur State Park. We will also have the installation of officers for the 2020-2021 year.

Speaking of next year, we are taking suggestions for rally sites. Now is the time to make your wishes known. Mason, Region 9 Rally in Mineola and the International Rally in Lebanon, TN are set to be memorable. Let me know what is on your mind.

A heartfelt thank you to all who have volunteered to serve as officers for the next year.

Please stay COVID SAFE and I will see you down the road.

Joane



Time to renew your membership!

Membership renewal dues of 75.00/year will start on August 1st using the following website: [airstreamclub.org/renew](https://airstreamclub.org/renew). There will no longer be a three part renewal form (this has been discontinued). The deadline for the Annual Printed Membership Directory is December 31, 2020 and will be printed in February. The club headquarters will be notifying members by postcard, email, and social media

The members-only self-service portal on [airstreamclub.org](https://airstreamclub.org) will be launching soon. Keep an eye out for a notification that it is up and running. If you want to see our website, go to this link: <https://airstreamclub.org/TexasHillCountry>. It includes past newsletters and any news we have on rallies and upcoming club events.



## It's Time for Family – Fun – Music in Lebanon, Tennessee

Registration is now [OPEN](#) for the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. The Rally is set for July 17 to July 24, 2021.

Join us in the beautiful city of Lebanon, Tennessee, located in Wilson County. Only 30 minutes east of Nashville with a ton of amazing things to do in the area. Here you will find friendly faces, historical places, endless shopping, diverse dining, distilleries, wineries, beautiful lakes, state parks, and outdoor adventure, just to name a few.

Rally fees are \$265 per RV on-site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-out. \$125 per adult, \$40 for youth 13 to 17 and kids under 12 are free. Keep an eye out for more information

Sign up today to reserve your spot by visiting [airstreamclub.org/Lebanon](http://airstreamclub.org/Lebanon).

Hope to see you there!

Andrew Selking

International President

### How exciting is this news!!!

To get to the 2021 International rally, Doug Wylie and Joane Ermis are planning a caravan from TX to TN. It isn't too early to start planning. Below is the information from Mr Wylie:

### **TEXAS HILL COUNTRY UNIT CARAVAN**

To THCU and any Airstreamers,

The information is out for the 2021 International Airstream Rally in Lebanon, TN. The date for the rally is July 17 – 24, 2021. Joane Ermis and Doug Wylie are starting to put together a caravan from Texas to Lebanon, TN. and back home. There is a lot to see and do between here and there. Joane and I have been in this area and know of some fun things to do. On our next unit rally we will talk about it. We are open for any and all suggestions. Thank you and this will be fun.

SCHULENBURG RV PARK  
65 N. Kessler Avenue 979-743-4388  
October 15-18, 2020

**Masks and social distancing are required at this rally.**

We will be gathering outside in Site 39 weather permitting. If raining we will meet at the club house, either on the porch or inside. Your temperature will be checked at each gathering. Bring lawn chairs. Check in at the office. Remember that payment is by cash or check.

- Thursday, Oct 15    Arrival Day. Meals are on your own.  
5:00 p.m.    Meet at Space 39 for greeting and updates.  
(If it is raining, we will meet on the covered porch across from the office.)
- Friday, Oct 16    Breakfast on your own  
9:00 a.m.    Morning free to explore  
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN  
Afternoon is free to shop or explore  
4:30 p.m.    Social hour and storytelling by the fire at Site 39  
Unit Welcome Ceremony
- Saturday, Oct 17    Breakfast on your own  
9:00 a.m.    Business meeting on covered porch or inside club house.  
(Depends on the weather)  
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN  
Afternoon is free to shop or explore  
This is the best day to tour Painted Churches  
4:00 p.m.    Steak Grill (Doug and Charlie will grill your entrée. Bring your own sides)
- Sunday, Oct 18    Departure Day \*\*\*\*\* STAY COVID SAFE  
8:30 a.m.    Devotional

## Information about GLEN ROSE RV PARK Rally

Hosts: Luci and Philip

Location: 1019 NE Barnard St, Glen Rose, Texas 76043

Call for reservations: [\(254\) 897-2321](tel:2548972321)

Dates: November 12-15, 2020

Note from Philip:

Luci and I are happy to be hosting the November rally at our “new” 95 year old park Oakdale Park in Glen Rose Nov. 12-15. It is just a “stones throw” from our Vintage RV Park we hosted the Unit in Hico about a year ago.

We hope to put on a Rally that exceeded our previous one. Below we hope to show you some or all of the following with some action around the park, music and a wine tasting or two.



Please accept our invitation to the Texas Airstream Harbor to come to Glen Rose Texas in the coming year for a rally for your members. We will ensure it is a socially distant event.

We are member of the Hill Country Unit and have just purchased one of the most historic RV parks in the Country [www.OakdalePark.com](http://www.OakdalePark.com). The 95 year old park is the only listed on the National Register of Historic Places and home of the “Oakdale Plunge” a 330,000 gallon swimming pool and still one of the largest in Texas.

We will devise a great rally for your club and offer deep discounts on camping since we are the owners and love air-streams. (We eloped to get married in a 75th Anniversary Edition Safari).

Take a look at some of the things Glen Rose has to offer (<https://www.glenrosetexas.org/visitor/play/>)

### **6 Unique Things You Absolutely Must Do In Glen Rose**

In one moment, you’re hiking on a winding trail shaded by towering oak and sycamore trees. Then, you come across a huge dinosaur footprint left in the rock in front of you. Although you might imagine you’ve stumbled into Jurassic Park, this is all part of the fun when you visit Glen Rose. Situated among the rolling hills of North Texas just 60 miles southwest of Fort Worth, the “Dinosaur Capital of Texas” has plenty of small-town charm and a host of unique, family friendly things you can do this summer. Discover a few of these below.

#### **1. Search for Dinosaur Tracks**

“Oh give me a home, where the dinosaurs roamed.” Oh, wait. That’s not how the song goes. Yet in a certain part of Texas, that’s exactly what you’ll find. Hike the trails at Dinosaur Valley State Park to the Paluxy River to see massive footprints left by dinosaurs far larger than you. Once upon a time, this part of the Lone Star State was at the edge of an ancient ocean. All manner of early life thrived here, but the tracks you’ll find were left by an Acrocanthosaurus (a smaller relative of the tyrannosaurus rex) and a kind of sauropod that grew as long as 70 long.

Summer is the time to see these tracks for yourself, as the Paluxy River is at its lowest, exposing the footprints in the riverbed. Need more dinosaurs? Head to Dinosaur World Texas, where you’ll see hundreds of life-sized dinosaurs and your kids can play in the dino-themed playground.



## **2. Embark a Globe-Trotting Wildlife Safari**

Feed giraffes and zebras by hand, watch cheetahs lounging in the shade, and get up close and personal with parrots from the rainforests of South America and the islands of the southwest Pacific Ocean. You'd think having all of these experiences would require a trip around the world. Instead, it's all part of the fun at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center. Go on a self-guided cruise along the Gosdin Scenic Drive and you'll encounter aoudads, gazelles, gemsboks, and zebras. For the full experience, book your spot on one of the guided excursions ranging from a behind-the-scenes tour to an after-dark adventure.

When you need a break, get a bite to eat and enjoy the view from the Overlook Café and stop by the Children's Animal Center, where you and your youngsters can make new friends with adorable birds and goats. With so many exotic animals to see, a visit to the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center is a must this summer.

## **3. Cool Off at Big Rocks Park directly across from Oakdale Park**

What's the first thing you want to do when you feel the heat of a Texas summer? If you're not crazy, the correct answer is to seek refuge somewhere nice and cool. That's exactly what you'll find at Big Rocks Park, located less than one mile from Downtown Glen Rose. Feel the soft sand around your toes as you wade into the brisk green waters of the Paluxy River. Relax in the shallow water and swim near the mouth of the dam, then dry off as you hang out in the shade under a tree. Along with swimming, you can scale the enormous rocks that tower over the river. Stand at the top and you'll get a 360-degree view of the river and the verdant trees that surround it.

## **4. Admire a 25-Foot Replica of Noah's Ark**

Discover how Noah built the ark and get an up-close look at what it may have looked like when you visit Glen Rose's Creation Evidence Museum. Detailing the natural history of our planet from a biblical perspective, the museum features a vast collection of artifacts and fossils that gives evidence of a young Earth. These include a replica of the stegosaurus carving found at a temple in Cambodia, human foot and hand prints in stone, and other fossils excavated from the banks of the Paluxy River. Friendly for all ages, the Creation Evidence Museum provides a different point of view on the history of our planet.

## **5. Play Through One of Texas' Finest Golf Courses**

An afternoon at Squaw Valley Golf Course won't just test your short game. Its wide fairways, century-old oak trees, and scenic lake serve up a treat for the senses from start to finish. Perhaps that's why the Dallas Morning News ranked Squaw Valley among the best public golf courses in Texas. Both of Squaw Valley's 18-hole courses feature a winding layout and strategically placed bunkers that will make you use every club in your bag. With 36 holes to play, you could plan your entire trip to Glen Rose around the golf course. Since it is summer, why wouldn't you?

## **6. Get Local in Historic Downtown Glen Rose**

Glen Rose may be best known for its prehistoric wonders and wildlife safaris, but its historic downtown is just as significant. When you need a break from your summertime outdoor adventures, wander around the center of town that is home to 30 buildings on the National Historic Registry. Admire architectural wonders like the beautiful Somervell County Courthouse and stroll along the downtown square full of vintage storefronts. Inside them, you'll find mom and pop-owned antique stores, boutiques, coffee shops, and restaurants. Needless to say, you won't find any big-brand stores here, guaranteeing you can take something truly one of a kind home with you.

We look forward to hosting you.

## Tidbits we learned on the road...

Tim and I thought we had everything handled when we went on our trip this past summer to visit family in Idaho from Texas. We went because we knew we were going to be able to social distance on our trip if something came up which was out of our control AND we were going to have FUN. We had gone on a rally earlier in the year but had not been on a long trip like this for a while. Planning the route was part of the fun; we had all of our night stops and gas stops planned out. There were definitely times, however, where we definitely felt like newbies when it came to towing, setting-up camp, breaking-down camp, and the general “what’s up” along the way. Here are a few things we learned...



1. We were travelling down a main highway in Colorado where there were road heaves. I thought it was funny and fun—kind of like a roller coaster that you were not expecting. Tim did not think so as he said “Bumps aren’t funny!” That evening, we were hooking up like normal and I was running back in the trailer to check something when I saw water dripping out of the closed front door. Thought it was weird until I walked in and saw that the kitchen faucet handle was full blast turned on and the faucet was turned sideways running down the kitchen counter, onto the floor, and out the door. It was a great time to clean the floors anyway. **Lesson learned:** Make sure all of the faucets are in the off position prior to hooking up city water otherwise you will be cleaning the floors.
2. We were travelling down an Idaho road we had stopped for lunch and a little CR break. We had enjoyed the fact that we did not have to use a rest stop or eat fast food. How lucky were we? Little did we know we forgot to turn off the water pump in the rig after we were done with our biz. This spelled trouble because as we traveled down the road, with the water pump on, the kitchen faucet slowly fell into the on position. Zoinks! While the kitchen faucet is pointed to drain down the sink, the road bumps, turning left, turning right, uphill, downhill, and stopping caused the faucet to dance around which caused water not to always drain into the sink. I had another cleaning session and thankfully we were going to a full hookup place so that we could dump our grey water tank. **Lesson learned:** If you are stopping and using the rig’s facilities, ensure that you always turn off the water pump while traveling down the road.
3. We were travelling down a washboard mountain Idaho road. This is the first time for us to do some boondocking so we were excited! Tim drove slow and as steady as he could...we made it safely but we did not know what those washboard roads had in store for us. When we got back to a full hook-up site we started to smell that ‘distinct’ smell. The one where you know you have to dump. We quickly dumped and thought it was the end of it. Later that day—in the hot Idaho summer sun—we started to smell that smell but in a different location than our potty. “Strange” we thought so Tim went hunting for the cause. After opening up pretty much every cabinet and non-cabinet he was able to pinpoint where the smell was coming from. It was under the closet where a vent valve was located for the sewer. He disconnected it, covered the hole and called Jackson Center (The Mother Ship) to see what this little device was for. Once they explained what it was for they recommended cleaning it out thoroughly and if it did not work it would need to be replaced. Cleaning it out totally fixed the smell issue thank goodness! **Lesson learned:** When you don’t know something ask.

We loved our long trip to travel in a slower pace, to visit with family, and see/experience places we had never been. We were even able to work on the road which was a nice benefit from our employers. We learned a lot from the road which will continue to add to our “List of things to remember to do/not to do”. The MAIN lesson learned is—although bumps can be fun they are NOT FUNNY!

Safe travels and see you down the road...



To:

- 04 Ronnie & Judy Opphile
- 15 Carlos & Cheryl Fernandez
- 19 Brian & Nancy Powers
- 27 Phil & Betty Lanasa



To:

- 01 Cheryl Fernandez
- 03 Linda Esper
- 06 Joe Long
- 08 Bob Grimes
- 16 Dan Marek
- 22 Gayle Ketchum
- 22 Louise Mann
- 27 Michael Stanley
- 28 Gary Shelton
- 30 Carol Wallace
- 30 Allison Ebbers



**New members:**

- \* Michelle and Mark Edmunds
- \* Cheryl Mutschler
- \* Virginia and Lester Johnson

\* **hope to see you at the next rally**



NEW website:  
<https://airstreamclub.org/>  
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THCU President:  
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Facebook Page:  
Texas Hill Country Unit



[Region9.airstreamclub.net](http://Region9.airstreamclub.net)



## 2021 Officer Nominees

President	Phillip Vasquez
First Vice President	Joe Long
Second Vice President	Sandy Brogan
Treasurer	Zephyr Marek
Recording Secretary	Peggy Knox
Corresponding Secretary	Gayle Ketchum
1 Year Director	Gayle Ketchum
1 Year Director	Tim Ebbers
2 Year Director	Daniel Marek
2 Year Director	Charlie Williams
Past President	Joane Ermis
Membership Chairman	Bob Grimes
Newsletter Editor	Allison Ebbers
Webmaster	Tim Ebbers

## THCU Rally Schedule 2020

A mostly tentative 2020 Rally Schedule is presented for your review. Your comments as club members are requested. There are seven rallies on the list and we hope to see you at as many rallies as you can attend. We would like to have two (2) rigs sign up as Wagon Masters for each rally. Having two (2) Wagon Masters makes everything flow smoothly should one have to cancel close to the rally date. One wonderful fact is that our members all pitch in thus ensuring the rally is a huge success.

The Wagon Masters decide on the activities and choose a theme, if they so desire.

Thank you for taking time to review the schedule. Please text Joan Ermis at 830-263-8378 to reserve your choice city for hosting a rally. Don't delay---schedule today.

### 2020 RALLY SCHEDULE

REVISED

Dates	Location	Hosts
Jan. 20-24	IBT Las Vegas	-----
Feb. 20-23	San Marcos Pecan Park RV Park 50 Squirrel Run 512-396-0070	Joan Ermis
March 19-22	Roadrunner RV Park 501 US Hwy 281 South Johnson City, TX	CANCELLED
April 14-19	Mineola Region 9 Rally	CANCELLED
May 14-17	Mason (Buddy Rally)	CANCELLED
June 20-27	International Rally Loveland, CO	CANCELLED
August	Luncheon	CANCELLED
Sept. 10-13	Fredricksburg, TX RV Park to be determined (Business meeting)	CANCELLED
Oct. 1-4	Gonzales	CANCELLED
Oct 15-18	RV Park in Schulenburg Texas	Joane Ermis
Nov. 11-15	Glen Rose, TX	Philip Vasquez/Luci Digiorgio (need secondary host)
Dec. 12	TBA—Luncheon or Rally	

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