



COYOTE TALES



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November 2020

**Greater Houston
Airstream Club
Christmas/Installation Rally
Lake Conroe KOA
19785 Highway 105 West
Montgomery, TX 77356**

Hosts

**Caren and Tom Bundy
Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net**

Co-Hosts

**Jo and Vernon Goodwin
Valerie & Jose Melgares**

I hope everyone is doing well. We had our November rally at Summer Breeze Katy this past weekend. The rally was hosted by the McAnulty's and co-hosted by the Elkins' and Fred Walschburger and Sue Gains. There were 22 rigs present with Bill and Joanne Miller coming Saturday for the board and business meetings.

This was the first meeting we have had since last December. The official election results were read with all candidates winning by unanimous votes. Bruce Lee, our incoming president, gave the rally locations for 2021. These are listed in the newsletter. The 2021 budget was also approved. The board approved a \$1,300. donation to Team Red White and Blue. Due to COVID, donations to the Team have dropped considerably, but the need to help our service members is still there.



Michael Iversen contributed \$50 to Team Red White and Blue and challenged all members to do the same. The challenge brought in \$550 plus \$90 from the raffle. The challenge is ongoing so you can still contribute.

The December rally will be held at Conroe KOA. In lieu of a gift exchange we will be donating socks to hang on the tree. The socks will go to needy children. New officers for 2021 will also be installed.

That's all from me right now. Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving and hope to see you in December. Clark

Happy Thanksgiving

Greater Houston Airstream Club



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11-6 Michael Iversen
11-8 Jeanette Meresole
11-9 Don Teegarden
11-12 Sherry Goodwin
11-13 Sofia Smythe
11-18 Riley Goodwin
11-18 Don Stauber
11-19 Charlotte Edwards
11-19 Tanya Tilles
11-21 Carrie Iversen
11-21 Jim Hartzog
11-23 Kathy Blanchard
11-23 Richard Meserole
11-25 Scott Mercer
11-26 Searcy Kracke
11-28 Trevina Champion
11-28 John Sheridan
11-28 Rick Elkins
11-30 Bob Hanson

Last Year we decorated our rally Christmas tree with new kids socks. They were donated to HAMM in Humble. This year we will do the same and we ask that you bring a package of new kids socks again to decorate the tree and then they will be donated to another charity. If anyone knows of a charity that we could give them to, please, let Jan Rightmyer know. It's at this time of year that socks are really needed.

As we are not doing the gift exchange this year add a little something more for the socks. It is much appreciated...

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

11-28-63	Bill & Barbara Dodson
11-23-73	Vernon & Jo Goodwin
11-2-74	Mike & Mary Chruszczak
11-5-83	Steve & Ginger Zeringue
11-14-84	Robert & Rebecca Perere
11-21-84	Rob & Jonette Schmidt
11-20-93	Dan & Maria McNulty
11-04-06	Mark & Ginger Hancock
11-15-18	Shawn & Kristin Schulze

Veterans Day



Greater Houston Airstream Club celebrated Veteran's Day on Saturday evening by honoring all veterans and highlighting GHAC veterans and the military service that they served in.

The program began with the flag-folding ceremony, demonstration on how to properly fold it and the meaning of each of the 13 folds. Our club veterans present were Dave Rightmyer, Don Teegarden, Rick Elkins, Jerry Goodwin, Kent Laney, Tom Harris, Vernon Goodwin, Jim Mercer and Fred

Walschburger and each shared with the group what military service they served in and their assignment/s.

Before closing the celebration, Rick Elkins gave an inspiring presentation on Bennie Adkins, Medal of Honor recipient from his hometown, Waurika, OK. Rick very kindly provided us with an abbreviated version of Army Command Sergeant Major Adkins, ret., military life for the newsletter.



Bennie G. Adkins



Bennie Adkins is a Medal of Honor recipient awarded in April 2014 by then President Obama for his valor in 1966 during a battle in the Vietnam conflict.

Bennie was born in the small town of Waurika, OK where his parents made a living farming as they raised their 7 children. It is in this town; he learned many core values that served him well in his life both in and out of conflict.

Interesting early career events included fingerprinting Elvis Presley while stationed in Germany, being selected with other Green Berets to parachute in a tribute to President John Kennedy, and being in a submarine outside Cuba before the cancelled Bay of Pigs landing.

Serving as a Green Beret in the A Shau Valley during a major attack on March 9, 1966, by the North Vietnamese that lasted 38 hours and included 48 hours of escape and evasion, Bennie was recognized for his valor in efforts to defend the camp and provide aid and assistance to wounded comrades and Bennie being wounded 18 times. Additional information on Bennie and this battle can be found in the book, **A Tiger Among Us**.

Bennie served in the military from 1956 to 1978 and was married to his wife Mary for 59 years. He devoted his postwar years to helping both his community members in Alabama and latter-day Special Forces troops better their lives through education. Bennie passed from this life on April 19, 2020 and will be buried beside his wife in Arlington National Cemetery.

The “Challenge” for Team Red White and Blue

We can attest to what an unusual and trying year 2020 has been to us all. People have lost family members, jobs, homes, and the list goes on. Not only have families and businesses suffered due to the pandemic, but charities have suffered as well. During the Board/General Meeting we discussed how much GHAC would contribute to Team Red White and Blue charity the club has been supporting for several years through raffles and fundraising efforts. The board approved a total of \$1,300 to be dispersed to the representatives of TRWB at the January luncheon. There was a general consensus of the members present, that we would like to contribute more due to the loss of funds they have faced this year.

Michael Iversen announced that he and Carrie would contribute \$50 and challenged the members of the club to match his contribution. By Sunday morning we had \$550 in donations. We are extending The Challenge through the end of the year; however, it would be nice to receive the donations by the Christmas/Installation rally. If you are unable to attend that rally and will be at the New Year's Rally, please participate then if you can. But we're not done yet... if you can't make either rallies, you can mail a check to Jerry Lyddon or Caren Bundy, OR you can PayPal or Zelle Debbie Pfunder your donation at dpfunder7@gmail.com and she will forward the donation to the treasurer. Thank you for supporting our veterans.

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

By Carol Goodwin

Hi Everyone: I am catching up on my duties as the Sunshine Lady. First, we had no newsletters to report rallies since March because of the pandemic. Then, I was sick over Labor Day and missed two newsletter deadlines. I hope to catch up everyone on people this time.

Back in May, Jerry Lyddon reported that Irene had foot surgery on her left foot due to an infected bone. Originally proposed as a hospital stay and rehabilitation in a nursing home, plans were changed due to the Coronavirus. Her surgery was changed to necessary emergency surgery at Hermann Memorial Surgery Center in Richmond as an outpatient. On the day of the surgery, Jerry says that she was the only patient there, and they were only there for three hours. Irene was able to walk out the door with the help of a walker. Jerry says that they are anxious to hit the road again in their Airstream. Happy Trails to them!!

More good news is that Sue Gaines has a new great-granddaughter. Little Ava is now 6 months old. She says that Ava started sleeping through the night at three weeks!! Congratulations to Sue and her family!! By-the-way, this makes eighth great-grand child for Sue!!

Finally, I was admitted to Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital back in September with an uncommon bacterial pneumonia. I was treated with IV anti-biotics and was released in about a week. I was Covid-19 negative. I recovered at home. I am grateful to friends and family who sent me well wishes and prayers through cards and Facebook. It really brightened my day that so many people were cared.

I hope all our members are doing well. If you want to report anything to the Sunshine Corner, email me at cgoodwin7@comcast.net. You can give as much or as little information as you want. Or you can request prayers. By-the-way, I recommend that everyone get a flu shot and a pneumonia shot (ask your doctor.) Stay well everyone!!

Greater Houston Airstream Club

Christmas and Installation Rally

December 3-6, 2020

Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA

19785 Highway 105 West, Montgomery TX 77356

Hosts: Tom and Caren Bundy Cohosts: Vernon and Jo Goodwin; Jose and Valerie Melgares

If you are planning to attend, please contact the RV park at 936-582-1200 ASAP to make a reservation. When making the reservation please tell the KOA staff that you are part of the GHAC rally so you can be parked with the group and get the rally discount. After you make the KOA reservation please send an Email or text to Tom and Caren Bundy at 281-250-7644 or Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net telling us the day that you plan to arrive and the number of people attending the Rally.

Covid 19 Safety Measures

- The indoor meals and meetings will take place in the Wildflower Room. With our expected attendance we will be at less than 50% capacity, which will allow us to space out tables to meet current guidelines for indoor dining at restaurants. Per current state rules, people are expected to wear masks indoors unless they are seated at their table while inside the building
- The Wildflower Room has a covered porch and large grassy areas to allow plenty of room to spread out for happy hour. Each person should bring their own drinks and snacks for happy hour.
- We have reduced the rally activities to allow members to gather around individual trailers for morning coffee etc. where we can increase social distancing.

Rally Schedule

Thursday

- 5:00 Happy Hour in around the GHAC trailers or in the case of inclement weather in the Pavilion by the lake.
- Dinner on your own.

Friday

- 5:00 at the Wildflower Room. Bring chairs so we can socially distance in the grassy areas around the room. **Bring food donations for the Montgomery County Food bank and children socks to put on Christmas tree that will be donated to a local charity**
- 6:00 - Dinner in the Wildflower room provided by hosts. Bring table service with bowls.
- 7:30 - Campfire at the fire pit by the Wildflower Room Bring chairs and musical instruments.

Saturday

- 8:30 –breakfast provided by Sky Med, **Pay Rally Fees (\$27/person)** and drop off food donations
- 10:00 – Sky Med Presentation
- 1:00 – Deliver food donations to the Montgomery County Food Bank
- 5:00 – Happy Hour Wildflower room.
- 6:00 – Catered dinner
- 7:30 – Installation of officers

2021 GHAC Rally Sites

January 2021

- December 29, 2020 - January 1, 2021: New Year's Rally, Coughatta Recreation Ranch
 - 4029 Clay Ranch Lane, Bellville, TX: 979-865-5897
 - Hosts: tbd
- January 16: Annual luncheon – Landry's Seafood
 - 1212 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX: 281-362-9696
 - Hosts: tbd

February 2021

- February 11-14: Valentine's Day Rally, Matagorda Bay Nature Park
 - 6420 FM 312, Matagorda, TX 77457: 855-392-7638
 - Hosts: Carol and Jerry Goodwin, jlg79@comcast.net

March 2021

- March 11-14: Spring Rally, Brazoria Lakes RV Resort
 - 14600 S Hwy 36, Brazoria, TX 77422: 979-798-1000
 - Hosts: tbd

April 2021

- April 8-11: Get Ready for Region 9 Rally, Salmon Lake Park
 - 247 Salmon Lake Road, Grapeland, TX 75844: 936-687-2594
 - Hosts: tbd
- April 13-18: Region 9 Rally, Mineola, TX

May 2021

- May 20-23: Pre-Memorial Day Rally, Summer Breeze Cut n Shoot
 - 3043 Waukegan Road, Conroe, TX 77306: 936-264-2854
 - Hosts: tbd

July 2021

- July 17-24: International Rally,
 - 945 E. Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37087

September 2021

- September 2-7: Labor Day Rally, Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park
 - 2647 US Hwy 87, Fredericksburg, TX 78624: 830-992-1237
 - Hosts: tbd

October 2021

- October 7-10: Chilispill 5 Rally (Buddy Rally), Galveston RV Resort and Marina
 - 6310 Heard's Lane, Galveston, TX 77551: 409-744-2837
 - Hosts: June and Bob Hutson, mjunetoo@aol.com

November 2021

- November 4-7: Harvest Rally, Rainbow's End RV Park
 - 140 Escapees Drive, Livingston, TX: 936-327-1279
 - Hosts: tbd

December 2021

- December 2-5: Christmas & Installation Rally, KOA Lake Conroe
 - 19785 Highway 105 West, Conroe, TX 77356: 936-582-1200
 - Hosts: tbd

Greater Houston Airstream Club 2021 Unit Officers

Unit Officers:

President	Bruce Lee	# 5461
1 st Vice President	Michael Iversen	# 8621
2 nd Vice President	~~~	
3 rd Vice President	~~~	
Recording Secretary	Barbara Mercer	# 1353
Corresponding Secretary	Leslie Spilman	# 5461
Treasurer	Jerry Lyddon	# 7746
Assistant Treasurer	Caren Bundy	# 2835
Trustee 2 Years	Jose Melgares	# 7049
Trustee 2 Years	Jerry Goodwin	# 1131
Trustee 1 Year	Jerry Calvert	# 1933
Trustee 1 Year	~~~	
Parliamentarian	Joanne Miller	# 4958
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Constitution & Bylaws	Vernon Goodwin III	# 1311
Crafts & Projects	Carol Goodwin	# 1131
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Electronics Communications	Tom Bundy	# 2835
Health	~~~	
Membership	Joletta Goodwin	# 1311
Newsletter Editor	Leslie Spilman	# 5461

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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bars

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713-910-2949



Get out there and enjoy your
Airstream adventures!