



COYOTE TALES



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December 2020

**Greater Houston
Airstream Club**

RALLIES CANCELLED

New Year's Rally

Coushatta Recreation Ranch
Bellville, TX

December 29 – January 1, 2021

Annual Luncheon

Landry's Seafood
The Woodlands
January 16, 2021



We have come to the close of another year and it has been an unusual one. Due to the COVID-19 Virus, we have seen many of our rallies canceled including Region 9 and International. Many of our club rallies have been canceled, but we have been able to get out a few times and have fun. Many members have taken this time to get out on long trips. The good news is I have not heard of a single case of Covid among our members. I feel that we have been more fortunate than many around the country.



We held our Christmas rally and installation of officers this month at Conroe/Montgomery KOA. We would like to thank Caren and Tom Bundy and Jo and Vernon Goodwin for putting on the safe rally. They provided outside seating complete with space heaters for those who preferred a little more social distancing. Masks were worn at all times except while eating and a campfire was provided by Vernon Goodwin to keep us warm on a chilly evening. We would like to welcome new members, Doug and Leslie Stauber, Rick and Roxanne Graff and Jason, Sherrie, Austin and Riley Goodwin.

We welcome Bruce Lee and Leslie Spilman as our incoming president and first lady. We wish them success and enjoyment in their positions in the upcoming year. Bruce, with the approval of the board and trustees, has made some changes to our rally schedule for 2021. The annual New Year's rally is cancelled. The annual luncheon will be

rescheduled from January to May 15 at Landry's Seafood Restaurant in the Woodlands. The annual business meeting will be held at that time. Our next official rally will be held in February in Matagorda.

In lieu of a gift exchange, everyone brought socks for needy children and non-perishable food. Approximately 200 pairs of socks were donated and went, along with the food, to Humble area schools. Thanks to Jan and Dave Rightmeyer for organizing and distributing the goods.

On Sunday, December 13, Caren and Tom Bundy and I met with Jude Betancourt with Team Red White and Blue at the White Elm Café and Bakery. We presented him with checks totaling \$2,050.00. He was very grateful for the donation. Donations have been down drastically this year due to COVID-19 and their main fundraising event had to be cancelled.

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Membership renewal with the Wally Byam Airstream Club is due. You can renew online at www.AirstreamClub.org or by calling headquarters at 937-596-5211. You need to renew by the end of the year to get your name in the 2021 directory.

Debbie and I have enjoyed our term as president and first lady and would like to thank the Executive Board, Trustees and all the members that gave us help and advice. Also, a huge thank you to Debbie, who put up with me and prepared the newsletter.

We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Debbie and Clark

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/1 Tom Bashor
 12/11 Caren Bundy
 12/11 Norma Kindle
 12/12 Arnold Zander
 12/13 Jennifer Harpole
 12/15 Debby Urbanelli
 12/17 Lisa Feine
 12/19 Austin Goodwin
 12/21 Anthony Urbanelli
 12/22 Randy Wolley
 12/22 Thomas Ketchum
 12/25 Barbara Dodson
 12/26 Don Reeves
 12/27 Anthony Carreiro
 12/28 Fred Kracke
 12/30 Tom Bundy
 12/31 Chris Carantza

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/4/62 Bill & Joanne Miller
 12/30/66 Dave & Jan Rightmyer
 12/20/69 Robert & Joan Smith
 12/18/71 Jerry & Tracey Calvert
 12/26/78 Jose & Valerie Melgares
 12/21/81 Jim & Tonia Goodwin
 12/18/82 Matthew & Deanne Shepard
 12/30/89 Kelly & Lori Passmore
 12/8/96 Rick & Tracy Elkins
 12/3/05 Jim & Kathy Hartzog
 12/20/07 Mark & Yvonne Hannigan
 12/15/10 Jack & Autumn Isbell
 12/14/12 Anthony & Diana Carreiro

Christmas Tree Sock Decorations

I would like to thank all who donated to our "Christmas tree sock decorations". I didn't count how many but I believe there was about 200 pairs of socks. I called a local Mission but they were not accepting donations at this time so I called a local church and a lady there told me that Humble ISD had had a sock drive but didn't know if it was still going on. So, I called Humble ISD and Marilyn Mann told me that they had a drive going on until Thursday. Dave and I took them down there and she couldn't believe how many we had and was so grateful. She said they would go to the nurses at their Title One schools who would give them to the poorest of the poor kids. I told her that we were on our way to HAAM to donate the food collected and she said that they had a drive for that also. So, we were able to drop the food off there also.



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I would like to thank all who donated, it was well worth it and went to a very needy charity. We were told that socks and underwear are the most needed items at this time of year so maybe next year we will do both.

Thank you again and Merry Christmas

Jan & Dave

Fall Rally – Summer Breeze USA Katy Thursday, November 5th through Sunday, November 8th

22 Rigs came together to celebrate Fall at Summer Breeze USA Katy. We enjoyed sun and cool weather, a welcome change from sweltering temperatures and social isolation. Silver trailers lined up all in a row glistening in the sunshine made quite an impression on the other park residents.



We congregated under the palapa poolside on Thursday and shared food, drink and conversation. We relished the opportunity to tell Airstream stories and listen to tales of the adventures of those that traveled during the summer months.



Friday and Saturday provided an opportunity to explore the Katy area after breakfast. Tracy Elkins was busy baking each morning and her delicious homemade orange rolls and banana

bread were a special treat. Attendees scattered after breakfast to seek out activities that fit their interests in Katy. Camping World was close by for those needing supplies. Shopping opportunities abounded at Katy Mills and Bass Pro Shops. Historic Downtown Katy is home to antique shops and the MKT Depot and Caboose Museum. The Brookwood Community,



non-profit residential facility and vocational program for adults with disabilities, is located a short distance from Summer Breeze in Brookshire and features a garden center full of beautiful plants and flowers, as well as, a gift shop decorated for the upcoming holidays. Many of the items for sale are crafted by Brookwood residents. For those wanting to spend time outdoors, Mary Jo Peckham Park boasts a fully stocked lake and free fishing.



We regrouped for dinner on Friday at Texas Borders Bar & Grill, a local family-owned restaurant in Katy to celebrate Michael Iversen's 60th birthday. Michael's children and grandchildren made the trip

and Carrie Iversen provided cupcakes for everyone. The parking lot was the site for a gathering of Slingshot (a three wheeled motorcycle) owners. All elaborately decorated with colorful lights providing a little after-dinner excitement. Back at Summer Breeze, Dan McAnulty, Tracey Calvert and Michael Iversen provided the evening entertainment with Dan and Tracey playing guitars and Michael Iversen and the crowd singing along.



On Saturday morning, Rick Elkins presented a workshop on pressure monitor systems while the ladies got together under the palapa and made a pumpkin craft. Who knew a roll of toilet paper, a little fabric and a twig could transform into a cute Fall decoration? Useful too. We're equipped for the next toilet paper shortage. Saturday was another perfect Fall day.



For those willing to brave the crowds, we gathered at the No-Name Brewery and enjoyed a beer, the beautiful weather and the sight of an Airstream trailer on the patio. The evening hours provided an opportunity to honor the service of the veterans among us in advance of Veterans Day. Jerry Goodwin led us in a flag ceremony and the veterans shared their stories. Rick Elkins presented a

PowerPoint on the life of Bennie Adkins, a Medal of Honor recipient from Rick's home town of Waurika, Oklahoma. An amazing story of incredible bravery and a life well lived. Ice cream and Sue Gaines homemade cookies were served in the community room following the ceremony.



Before departing for home, we gathered one last time and enjoyed a pancake and sausage breakfast. We serve over 150 pancakes and too many sausage patties to count! And last, we celebrated Don Teegarden's 87th birthday. Lucky Don was gifted with a large pink flamingo hat. Pink is his color. He looked stunning!

The "Challenge" for Team Red White and Blue

*** UPDATE***

For those that may have missed it in the November newsletter, a challenge was made to GHAC members by Michael and Carrie Iversen to match their \$50 contribution to Team Red White and Blue. Due to the pandemic, donations have dropped significantly and one of their major fundraisers was cancelled, thus resulting in the loss of funds to permit them to connect to their community through physical and social activities.

To date, we have received approximately \$600. We are extending this fundraising effort indefinitely, so there is time to meet the "Challenge". As mentioned in last month's article, 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. **Please mark your contribution, "The Challenge".**



Since the annual luncheon was postponed, the funds raised this year were presented to Jude Betancourt with TRWB by Caren and Tom Bundy and Clark Gardener.

December Installation Rally

December 3-6, 2020
Lake Conroe KOA North



The GHAC December Installation Rally was held at the Lake Conroe KOA on the first weekend in December. A total of 17 rigs attended the rally. The rally was held using COVID protocols for social distancing. The time spent together indoors was minimized and the tables were spaced at 50% capacity for the room. We thank all of the attendees for being vigilant about wearing masks and social distancing. There were quite a variety of masks worn, including Santa with a beard and Rudolph with a red nose. To promote participants to mingle



outdoors wonderful campfires were organized by Jason and Vernon Goodwin on both Friday and Saturday. Outdoor heaters were set up on the porch of the rally room to allow people to enjoy happy hour and their meal outside.



The Thursday arrivals (11 rigs) gathered at a fire at the Bundy's site to visit. Everyone was on their own for dinner. Friday evening, we gathered for a meal of Pasta e Fagioli soup, garden salad, rolls, and Klondike bars.

On Saturday morning, Stan Schwenke with Sky-Med, provided breakfast croissants and gave a presentation about Sky-Med. Stan is an Airstream member who spends summers in Wisconsin and winters in the valley. Saturday evening, we enjoyed a catered dinner of pork tenderloin with

rice, roasted chicken, potatoes au gratin, green beans, salad, and rolls. It was delicious. Following dinner our new president and first lady, Bruce Lee and Leslie Spillman, were installed by Region 9 President and first lady Bill and Joanne Miller. The cake to celebrate Bruce and Leslie was delicious and enjoyed by all. It was decorated with a beautiful Airstream.



We welcomed 3 new members at the rally Doug and Leslie Stauber, Rick and Roxanne Graff, and Jason and Sherrie Goodwin and their children Austin and Riley. Jan and Dave Rightmyer had their grandsons Adrian and Samuel with them at the rally. We look forward to seeing our new members at future rallies. To help those less fortunate during the holiday season, food and socks were collected for an assistance ministry. The socks were hung on the Christmas tree and looked very festive.

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

Because 2020 was an unusual year with challenges stemming from a global pandemic, my wish for all our Airstream members is best expressed in the following poem.

Untitled

At the sound of the tolling midnight bell,
a brand new year will begin.
Let's raise our hopes in a confident toast,
to the promise it ushers in.

May your battles be few, your pleasures many,
your wishes and dreams fulfilled.
May your confidence stand in the face of loss
and give you the strength to rebuild.

May peace of heart fill all your days,
may serenity grace your soul.
May tranquil moments bless your life
and keep your spirit whole.

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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	Tom Harris	# 1373
Trustee 1 Year	Jim Mercer	# 1353
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

January 2021

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

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 15: Annual luncheon – Landry's Seafood
 - 1212 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX: 281-362-9696
 - 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 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

Message from Bob Jones

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.

Bob Jones

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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!

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