November 2020

ALMOST MONTHLY The Bluebonnet





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President's Message Wow what a year 2020 has been. Thank you to all who served as officers this past year and to our wonderful unit members who make our unit so special.

We have two new members this month: Justin Hargadine from Canyon Lake, TX and Thomas Niewiara from Austin. We look forward to meeting them in person.

Our rally in Schulenburg was a big success. We met outdoors each day and evening. It was a camping experience. Attending the rally were Philip Vasquez, Edward and Yvonne Michek, Doug and Sheryl Wylie, Dave Toy, Zephyr and Dan Marek, Tim and Allison Ebbers, Joe Long and Gayle Ketchum, Joan Ermis and Eldon and Jo Ann St Clair. Unfortunately, Charlie Williams and Carol Wallace had a/c issues and had to leave early. The weather was awesome, the sightseeing delightful, and comradery fantastic. It was great to see and be with each other. Thank you to Dan for providing the fire pit and fire wood and to Doug and Tim for providing grills for supper on Saturday. Thank you to Ally for the great pictures.

Airstream stories and probably more than one tall tale was told each evening. My story involved the waterfall coming through my air conditioner on Wednesday afternoon after arriving. Fortunately, Lone Star Mobile RV Service came to my rescue that evening. The problem was more than a dead beetle. Two issues were resolved and two hours of work resulted in me being a happy camper.

Our business meeting was held Saturday morning. Details are in our November newsletter (page 8).

With the Coronavirus spreading it is difficult to finalize a rally schedule for 2021. A suggested schedule is in our newsletter. Traveling is an adventure and is challenging during this pandemic. We all have a journey ahead and success is arriving and joining unit members in fellowship. I know we will all support our new officers and will help them have a successful year. Please consider hosting a rally or assist hosting. There are safe locales out there whether it is a state park or rv park.

Please renew your membership if you have not done so. We want you back. We know this is a challenging time.

Our Installation Rally will be November 11-15 at Oak Dale RV Park in Glen Rose. If you are attending please call Oakdale RV at 254.897.2321. Thank you to Philip and Lucy for hosting. Details on page 3.

Again, thank you to all for your love and support this past year. We made it through together. We will get through the next year together because that is what we do and it is what makes this unit special.

To all the new members who joined during this pandemic we hope to see you soon. Safe travels and we want to see you at Oak Dale RV Park in Glen Rose, TX. I love the saying "Come One, Come All".

Joane



Time to renew your membership!

Membership renewal dues of 75.00/year will start on August 1st using the following website: <u>airstreamclub.org/renew</u>. 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 Feburary. The club headquarters will be notifying members by postcard, email, and social media

The members-only self-service portal on <u>airstreamclub.org</u> 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.



TEXAS HILL COUNTRY UNIT 104 NOVEMBER 11-15 AIRSTREAM & BUDDY RALLY OAKDALE RV RESORT & MOTOR COURTAT OAKDALE PARK, GLEN ROSE 254.897.2321 * Oakdalepark.com 1019 NE Barnard St., Glen Rose, Texas 76043 (Only Private Texas RV Park on the National Register of Historic Places)

Wednesday Nov 113-5:00 p.m.Arrive5:30 p.m.Official Welcome - Fire Ring*

 Thursday Nov 12

 10:00 a.m.
 Fossil Rim Wildlife Named best Wildlife Safari in USA (Pre-Purchased Tickets Required Friday Morning \$30 a person)



NoonLunch on Your Own1 p.m.-5 p.m.Explore Historic Glen Rose on Your
Own5:30 p.m.Social- Fire Ring*

Friday Nov 13 9:00 a.m. Dinosaur Valley State Park



(Admission \$7.00 per person)NoonLunch on Your Own2:00 p.m.Private Tour of Barnard Mill and Art
Museum (Donation)



3-5:00 p.m.



5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Beer and Wine Down- Fire Ring* Entertainment Wine Tasting and Entertainment at Bull Lion Tasting Room Downtown GR

Gypsy Market (Optional)

Saturday Nov. 14

11:30 a.m. Somervell History Museum



Noon	Lunch on Your Own
1-4:00 p.m.	Fun and Games- Oakdale Casino
4:00 p.m.	Social Hour- Oakdale Casino
5:30 p.m.	Bring an entree & sides, grilling pro- vided
7:30 p.m.	Installation of Officers-Oakdale Casi- no

Sunday Nov. 158:30Devotional9:00 - 11 a.m.Depart for Home

*BYOB- Beer Compliments of Oakdale RV Resort Please go to our website to get a list of the 7 unique things you must do in Glen Rose: https://airstreamclub.org/TexasHillCountry

Schulenburg, TX October 2020 Rally in pictures



TOP From left to right: JoAnn St Clair, Eldon St Clair, Gayle Ketchum, Sheryl Wylie, Doug Wylie, Joe Long, Joan Ermis, Dave Toy, Allison Ebbers, Tim Ebbers, Philip Vasquez, Yvonne Michek, Ed Michek, Zephyr Marek, Dan Marek MIDDLE from left to right: Tim, Dan, Zephyr, Sheryl, Doug, Dave, Yvonne, Ed, Joan, Joe, Eldon, Gayle, JoAnn BOTTOM getting the fire pit juuuust right (from left to right: Zephyr, Joane, Tim, Dan, Eldon, and Dave)



Schulenburg, TX October 2020 Rally in pictures



MIDDLE: First super duper cute BaseCamp in our group to attend which pretty much was the talk of the rally. We learned that...YES, it has a bathroom and even a shower on the INSIDE with king bed!!! WOW. Thanks to Ed and Yvonne for showing Marvin off. Look closely to see the pink flamingo with the flamingo babies!



BOTTOM: first night get together outside. Really nice evening to get to know each other.



Schulenburg, TX October Rally in pictures



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Business meeting attendees: Philip Vasquez (not shown because he took this super cool photo) From left to right: Joe Long and Gayle Ketchum, Edward and Yvonne Michek, Doug and Sheryl Wylie, Tim and Allison Ebbers, Joan Ermis, Zephyr and Dan Marek, Dave Toy

Business Meeting

The meeting was held October 17, 2020 at 9:20 a.m. at Schulenburg RV Park in Schulenburg, Texas. Joan Ermis, President opened the meeting. Pledges to the US flag and Texas flag were recited by all attending.

There was no old business. Under new business Zephyr Marek, Treasurer gave the Treasurer's Report. As of September there is \$696.01 in savings and \$1,315.54 in the checking account.

The slate of officers for the 2020-2021 year were presented. Two changes were made from the floor. Charlie Williams replaced Sandy Brogan as Second Vice President. David Toy replaced Charlie Williams as a 2 Year Director. There were no other changes. The election of officers as amended was read. A motion to accept by acclimation was made by Doug Wylie and seconded by Dan Marek. Motion passed.

A tentative rally schedule for the 2020-2021 was presented. The possibility of a caravan to the International Rally was discussed.

A unit donation of \$100.00 to the International Charity or Shriner's Hospital was proposed by Doug Wylie and Gayle Ketchum seconded it. Motion passed.

Members were encouraged to renew their membership if they have not done so.

Philip Vasquez discussed Oak Dale as our rally site for November.

Region 9 President Bill Miller will not be able to attend our Installation Rally in Glen Rose.

There being no other new business motion to close the meeting was made by Doug Wylie and seconded by Gayle Ketchum. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Ermis, President for Recording Secretary Peggy Knox

2021 Officer Nominees

President	Phillip Vasquez
First Vice President	Joe Long
Second Vice President	Charlie Williams
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	Dave Toy
Past President	Joane Ermis
Membership Chairman	Bob Grimes
Newsletter Editor	Allison Ebbers
Webmaster	Tim Ebbers



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

Registration is now <u>OPEN</u> for the 64th 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 <u>airstreamclub.org/Lebanon</u>.

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 (Doug Wylie) 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.





To:

- 02 Rose Garr
- 08 Sheryl Wylie
- 11 Raisin Schwerdfeger
- 20 Jim Schwerdfeger
- 29 Myrtle Bell



- ◊ Jim Schwerdfeger
- Carolyn Schmidt (Charlie William's sister)

To: 24 Don & Myrtle Bell

welcome

New members:

- Justin Hargadine from Canyon Lake, TX (justinhargadine@aggienetwork.com)
- Thomas Niewiara from Austin, TX (thomasniewiara@gmail.com)
- * hope to see you at the next rally



NEW website: https://airstreamclub.org/ TexasHillCountry THCU President: joanermis@hotmail.com Facebook Page: Texas Hill Country Unit



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	Joan Ermis
FCD. 20-23	Pecan Park RV Park	
	50 Squirrel Run	
	<u>512-396-0070</u>	
March 19-22	Roadrunner RV Park	
	501 US Hwy 281 South	
	Johnson City, TX	
April 14-19	Mineola	
	Region 9 Rally	
May 14-17	Mason (Buddy Rally)	CANCELLED
June 20-27		
August	Luncheon	CANCELLED
Sept. 10-13	Fredricksburg, TX	
	RV Park to be determined	CANCELLED
	(Business meeting)	
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

Dec. 12

TBA—Luncheon or Rally

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