



COYOTE TALES



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January 2021

Greater Houston Airstream Club Upcoming Rallies

February 11-14 Matagorda Bay
Nature Park, 6420 FM 312,
Matagorda, TX 77457.

Hosts: Carol and Jerry Goodwin
jlq79@comcast.net

March 11-14 Brazoria Lakes RV
Resort, 14600 S. Hwy 36,
Brazoria, TX 77422

Hosts: Caren and Tom Bundy
tom-caren@sbcglobal.net

April 8-11 Salmon Lake Park,
241 Salmon Lake Road,
Grapeland, TX

Hosts: TBD

April 13-18 Region 9 Rally,
Mineola Civic Center, 1150 N.
Newsom Street, Mineola, TX

Goodbye 2020, Hello 2021. I think by any measure I would have to say 2020 was the most unusual year ever for the Greater Houston Airstream Club. Kudos to Clark and Debbie Gardner for successfully guiding us through a worldwide pandemic and keeping us well informed of cancelled rallies and events and leading us in the rallies we had in the last third of the year. So, what's in store for 2021? Even though we have cancelled our traditional first rally of the year and postponed the January annual luncheon until May, we are still hoping to have a number of rallies beginning in February with the Valentine's Day rally in Matagorda. Hosts Carol and Jerry Goodwin are working hard to make this rally a fun-filled event. This rally and the March rally will be at first-time campgrounds for GHAC. I thought the April rally at Salmon Lake RV Park would also be a new site, but in looking at club records, at least as far back as 1979, I discovered that a rally was held there in 2002. This site is a little further away than most of the other locations for 2021, but it provides an excellent stop on the way to the Region 9 Rally in Mineola, TX. In May we will have the annual luncheon in place of a rally. Weeks before this rally you will have an opportunity to vote for the officers who will lead us into 2022. I promise this election will be free of any controversy. The International Rally will be July 17-24 and plans are being made for a GHAC caravan going to Lebanon, TN for this big Airstream event. If you are thinking of going and want to join in on an adventurous trip to Lebanon, please let me know soon as possible as campground reservations will need to be made. More information on rallies for the second half of 2021 will be given in future newsletters.

I hope to see you in Matagorda Bay.

Bruce

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 needed to renew by the end of 2020 to get your name in the 2021 directory so you missed that deadline, but it is never too late!! There are more benefits for members such as a discount on tires.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 1- Bill Miller
Lyle Snow
Jan. 2- Bruce Lee
Peggy Snow
Jan. 4- Sally Mercer
Jan. 5- Mark Hannigan
Jan. 7- Ginger Zeringue
Jan. 8- Joey Mathis
Jan. 10-Jack Williams
Jan. 14-Melanie Chapman
Jan. 15-Tracey Calvert
Barbara Mercer
Jan. 22-Gene Guthrie
Jan. 24-Amber Corley
Jan. 25-Kristin Schulze
Jan. 26-Dennis Roberts
Jan 28-Dave Rightmyer
June Hudson
Helen Teegarden
Jan. 31-Robert Chapman

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy year!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 21- Bill and Dorma Kindle
Kent Miller and Darlene Kloesel
Jan. 23-Randy and Connie Wooley
Jan. 25-Lyle and Peggy Snow
Jan. 26-Bob and Tina Miller
Jan. 27-John and Mary Ann Boerner

Wishing you all many more years of happiness and good health together.



Benji and Bruce say Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!

Benji Says: Make sure you check out our unit web page!!! There is lots of great information, pictures and a link to the Airstream Club International also [click here for unit webpage](#).

Please submit any information you would like in the newsletter. Benji loves recipes, new campgrounds or adventures you have been on, info to make the camper more comfortable for him and news about you or your pets.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 1 – Tim Bashor
Feb. 2 - K.D. Couch
Feb. 3 – Bill Smythe
Feb. 7 – Debbie Pfunder
Feb. 12– Irene Lyddon
Feb. 13- Autumn Laughrun
Feb. 14- Bernadine Billard
Feb. 16- Kelly Passmore
Feb. 17- Lee Jordan
Feb. 22- Clark Gardner
Feb. 25- Shirley Holmesley
 Beverly Williams
Feb. 28- Suzie Lopez

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy year!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Feb. 7 - Jerry and Marilyn Thomas
Feb.13- Daniel and Lisa Schwarz
Feb. 20- Red and Nancy Childers
Feb. 23- John and Jackie Davidson
Feb. 26- Alan and Bernadine Billard

Wishing you all many more years of happiness and good health together.

From your editor...

As with any transition, this has had its bumps. First, I had to convert the newsletter from pdf file to Word so I could edit and try to keep the same logos, format, etc. So, a trial version of a pdf converter was obtained. But then there were all these little text boxes, and not being able to use the space bar in this article, to not being able to get photos into the photo application so I could crop them. I apologize for the delay and any other formatting nightmares. I may just retype the next one totally- any advice would be greatly appreciated.

Valentine's Day Rally – February 11-14, 2021

We hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our 1st rally of 2021 down at Matagorda Bay RV Park.

The water's calling. This 1,333-acre park and nature preserve is located at the mouth of the Colorado River on the Matagorda Bay peninsula. Visitors can enjoy miles of Gulf of Mexico beachfront, birdwatching in coastal marshes and wetland paddling. Tent camping, glamping and RV amenities are available for overnight stays. There also is a gift shop with snacks and souvenirs and a large community room that can hold up to 100 people. The site looks to be a great spot for a Valentine's Day rally with lots of interesting activities & sites to see. Check out the site at: <https://www.lcra.org/parks/matagorda-bay-nature-park/>.

I was hoping to have the agenda finalized and out this past weekend, but we are still tweaking the meal & activity planning. In the interim, I wanted to pass along instructions on how to secure their reservation at the park. We have booked 21 sites in the South Loop of the park. Of those 21, 6 sites have been reserved.

- Site **004** - Bruce Lee
- Site **006** - Jerry Lyddon
- Site **011** - Rick Vice
- Site **012** - Duke Fleshman (new member)
- Site **015** - Jerry Goodwin
- Site **032** - Tom Harris

The remaining 15 sites are: **003 005 007 008 009 010 016 017 033 034 043 044 045 046 047**

Some sites are "on the water" (005-012) and have a rate of \$58 per night while others (003, 032-034, 043-047) are listed as "preferred" and have a rate of \$45 per night.

Even though we have reserved 21 sites for the club, everyone will need to call to secure & pay for their individual site. Matagorda Bay RV Park is an **LCRA** (Lower Colorado River Authority) park so, if you plan to attend, you will need to book your reservation through *Reserve America* (**1-855-392-7638**) and you will need to identify that you are part of the *Greater Houston Airstream Club* with an event ID: **156784492** in order to secure one of our reserved sites. Overall reservation fees will vary depending upon the site you select and the number of days. I hope everyone has a better response than I did when I called them last week and it took 15 minutes to get through to the right operator to make the reservation. **Deadline for signing up is February 1st.**

After you make the reservation please send an email or text to Jerry Goodwin (jlg79@comcast.net) or 281-787-6687 telling us the site you selected, the day that you plan to arrive and the number of people attending the Rally.

COVID-19 Safety Measures

Indoor meals and meetings will take place in the community room. With our anticipated attendance and the size of the rally room, we space out tables & chairs in the room 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 any of the park buildings. We will have ample hand sanitizer available in the community room. Due to the proximity of the park adjacent to the bay, the park offices and community room are on raised piers with ramps and stairs to access the buildings from the ground level. We will use the space underneath the building for grills to cook our meals upon. 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.

I hope to have a rally agenda firmed up by the end of this week, however, it is subject to change depending upon attendance, weather and changes to COVID precautions.

See you down on the bay.

Jerry & Carol Goodwin

Greater Houston Airstream Club Spring Rally - March 11-14, 2021
Brazoria Lakes RV Resort, 14600 S Hwy 36, Brazoria, TX 77422

Hosts: Caren and Tom Bundy. Cell: 281-250-7644, Email: Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net

Join us for the Spring Rally at the Brazoria Lakes RV Resort. The park is just a few years old and equipped with Wi-Fi and cable TV. There is a large lake that is can be used for catch and release fishing.

If you plan to attend, please make reservations by calling the park at 979-798-1000 and tell them that you are attending the GHAC rally. You should be charged a discounted rate of \$54 per night. We also need you to send an email to Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net to let us know what day you plan to arrive, the number of people attending the rally and if you plan on attending the dinner on Thursday. Also let us know if you would be willing to help us out as co-hosts for the rally.

We will be using an outdoor pavilion that has an outdoor kitchen for the meals and gathering. This will allow us to maintain proper Covid-19 safety protocols. Due to the outdoor kitchen, we will not be bringing the club coffee pot, put the park does provide morning coffee in the nearby rec room. We will also need folks to bring chairs and some tables for meals.

A tentative Rally schedule is:

Thursday

4:30 PM – Happy Hour at the Pavilion. Bring chairs and your favorite beverage

5:45 PM – Depart for restaurant

6:00 PM – Dinner at River Rendezview “Didos” Restaurant located at 2922 CR519, Brazoria. We will be eating dinner on the patio that overlooks the San Bernard River. The tables will be space per current Covid guidelines.

Friday

8:00 AM – Bring a cup of coffee to the Pavilion

5:00 PM – Happy Hour at Pavilion

6:00 PM – Dinner provided by hosts.

Saturday

8:00 AM – Bring a cup of coffee to the Pavilion

8:30 AM – Breakfast provided by hosts

9:30 AM – Pay Rally Fees

TBD – Rally activities at the Pavilion

5:00 PM – Happy Hour at Pavilion

6:00 PM – Dinner provided by hosts.

Sunday

No activities are planned. Have safe travels home.

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

By Carol Goodwin

I hope that this new year has started well for everyone. I know that there has been a lot of challenges already, but I hope everyone takes a minute or two for prayer. Counting my blessings helps me a lot. Some people write in a Gratitude Journal.

Ken Laney reports that he had hip replacement surgery last month. He says that he came home from the hospital the same day. That's amazing! I'm sure Lia, his wife, has helped him a lot. They are both looking forward to participating more with us this year. And, we'd be glad to have them back.

Finally, make a plan to get your vaccine soon. We want all our members to stay alive and well. If you want me to publish anything about you in The Sunshine Corner, let me know. Tell me as little or as much as you want. Or, you can just anonymously request prayers. Stay safe.

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	# 212
Immediate Past President	Clark Gardner	# 2646

Committee Chairpersons:

Constitution & Bylaws	Vernon Goodwin III	#1311
Crafts & Projects	Carol Goodwin	#1131
Directory Editor	Bill Miller	# 212
Electronics Communications	Tom Bundy	#2835
Health	~~~	
Membership	Joletta Goodwin	# 1311
Newsletter Editor	Leslie Spilman	# 5461

Tentative 2021 GHAC Rally Sites

January 2021

- December 29, 2020 - January 1, 2021: New Year's Rally, Coushatta Recreation Ranch
CANCELLED
- January 16: Annual luncheon
 - **POSTPONED to May 15, 2021**

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: Caren and Tom Bundy, Tom-Caren@sbcglobal.net

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: Debbie Pfunder and Clark Gardner, rcg1@sbcglobal.net

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 Heards 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 2020 Income and Expenses

Income	Amounts
Dues	1,740.00
Newsletter Ads	333.00
GHAC Flag Sales	105.00
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Total	2,178.00
Expenses	
Net Red, White and Blue ¹	(2,464.00)
Net Rallies ¹	64.16
Net Annual Luncheon ¹	(844.50)
Sunshine	(138.39)
Past President Gifts	(131.98)
Directory	(53.11)
Membership	(50.47)
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Total	(3,618.29)
Income-Expenses	(1,440.29)

Notes:

¹ Net values are income-expenses
Red, White and Blue and Past President Gifts
reflect 2 years of expenses



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

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



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!**