

We enter this year with the gratitude of surviving the year 2020 and the anticipation of a better year to come.

I would like to welcome our newest members of the Texas Hill Country Unit Lane and Dayna Lowke of Austin. We hope to have a warm and special welcome to our new members at our next big rally.

As you know, because of the ongoing pandemic, we did not have our traditional December luncheon. However, we had our first "Texas Hill Country Unit Holiday Toast" after Christmas. My notice of this event was short. Many of our members didn't see the invitation. Still, we successfully have our "virtual toast" celebrated by Zephyr and Dan Marek, Tim and Ally Ebbers, David Toy, Luci DiGiorgio, and me. Our virtual toast went so well on Google Meet. We look forward to using this platform for our monthly meeting and occasional virtual happy hour until the time we can enjoy each other's company in person.

Right now, we have not confirmed any future rallies. When COVID-19 dissipates, we will verify our future rallies. Until then, we will monitor the situation and trust that it will be sometime this year. Until then, we will have a monthly virtual meeting for our members to be held on the third Saturday at noon. Look for a notice to be sent to your email for a virtual meeting on January 16.

The Region 9 annual rally is Tuesday – Sunday, April 13-18, 2021, in Mineola, TX.

"May the new year bring you an abundance of amazing opportunities, beautiful moments, and joyful experiences. May your positive actions & attitude inspire others. May you be brave enough to take on and overcome rewarding challenges. May you find yourself in high spirits & excellent health. May your love with all your heart and find peace in even the most turbulent of times. May the love you give always find its way back to your multiplied. And may your forever be filled with the hope & strength necessary to make your dreams a reality."- Zero Dean

Philip Vasquez and Luci DiGiorgio





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New members:

 Lane and Dayna Lowke from Austin, TX (lanel@mechreps.com and dlowke@gmail.com)



- 02 Gary Brankin
- 03 Kathryn Fischer
- 09 Bonnie Stanley
- 27 Dick Fletcher



Charlie Williams was recently in the hospital with COVID. He is home now and is on oxygen. Please keep Charlie in your thoughts. Hoping for a speedy recovery. If you would like to contact him or Carol, please email them at ncw123@aol.com (Carol) or clwairstream@gmail.com (Charlie)



- Ken and Sandy Sands (past THCU Members and THCU President) have moved to AZ. If you would like to contact them, their email addresses are: ken78628@yahoo.com and sake26254@yahoo.com
- If there is any news or pictures you would like to post, please do so on our Facebook page. The page name is Texas Hill Country Unit.

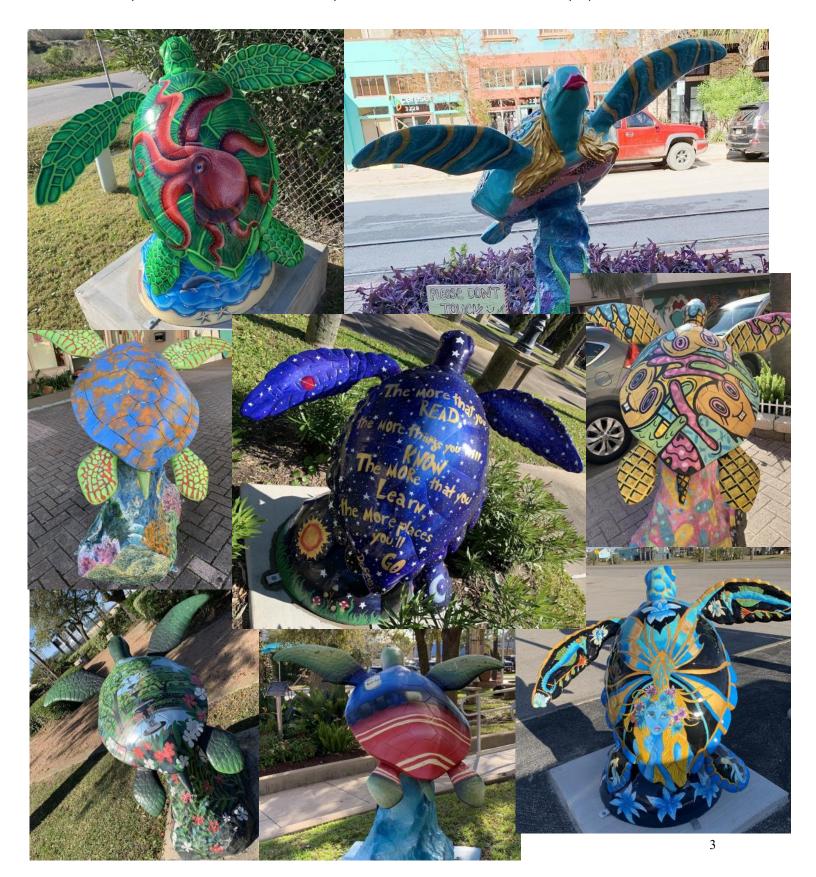


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When in Galveston, look for the Turtles About Town

Tim and I went to Freeport, TX to stay in Blue Water RV Park on New Year's Day to start of 2021 differently and to get away from cedar fever. Blue Water RV Park is near the causeway into Galveston Island from the southside and is very quiet, across the street from the beach, and close to Galveston. When we go to Galveston we look for the Turtles About Town. For us, they are fun to find and a nice work of art. A couple of years ago there weren't many of them. This year, however, we found out from the website (https://www.galveston.com/whattodo/tours/self-guided-tours/turtles-about-town/) that there are 35 of them! We did not find all of them ...this time...it will be a good excuse to go back to Galveston. Below are the pictures I took of the ones we found. My favorite is Guardian of the Galaxy who is in front of the Galveston Library—pictured in the middle.





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.

THCU TENTATIVE Rally Schedule 2021

Below is a tentative schedule for 2021. Items in **green** are Region 9 or International events. You will notice that a lot of dates and location are not locked down or set in stone. For these we are open to ideas as well as volunteers to be Wagonmasters. The Wagon Master(s) decide on the activities and choose a theme (if a theme is desired). Please consider volunteering to be a wagonmaster.

2021 TENTATIVE RALLY SCHEDULE

| Date | Location | WagonMaster(s) |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| January 18-22 | IBT Sarasota, FL | International Officers |
| February | None planned | If you have an idea of where to go and be the Wagon Master please contact Phillip Vasquez |
| March | Mason or Johnson City | If you would like to volunteer to be the Wagon Master please contact Phillip Vasquez |
| April 13-18 Region 9 | Mineola, TX Roaring 20s Theme | Region Officers |
| May | Castroville | Doug and Sheryl Wylie Joan Ermis |
| July 17-24 International | Lebanon, TN | International Officers |
| September | Business Luncheon; location TBD | |
| October | Gonzales or Rio Frio | If you would like to volunteer to be the Wagon Master please contact Phillip Vasquez |
| November | Installation rally; location TBD | Unit officers |
| December | Holiday Luncheon; location TBD | |



