



COYOTE TALES



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President's Letter

February – a month to celebrate Black History, ground hogs not seeing their shadows, love, U.S. Presidents, leap year and now snow and ice. A person I know claims Texas has two seasons: summer and February. I think in 2021 this saying hits it on the nose. I hope all of you have been able to deal with much colder temperatures and a lack of electricity, heat and water. I also hope all of you are staying safe. I am sorry that so many of you could not attend the February Valentine's Day rally. In hindsight I should have called this one the Polar Bear rally. Despite the uncooperative weather, I think all that did attend said they would really like to have another rally at Matagorda Bay Nature Park when the weather is better. For a complete wrap-up of this rally please read Carol and Jerry Goodwin's article on this event inside this newsletter.

Also, inside, Caren and Tom Bundy have updated the flyer for the March rally. Most of the activities they are planning will be handled outside, so I am really hoping and praying for good weather during this rally. Speaking of upcoming rallies, there are 4 rallies that still need hosts and co-hosts:

April 8-11 at Salmon Lake Park, Grapeland, TX

September 2-7 at Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park, Fredericksburg, TX

November 4-7 at Rainbow's End RV Park, Livingston, TX

December 2-5 at Lake Conroe KOA, Montgomery, TX

Please give some serious thought to helping out with one (or more) of these events. In order to help people wanting to sign up for future rallies and other events, I have created a spreadsheet that people can use to sign up. A link to this spreadsheet has been sent to you by email under the email address 155president@wbcci.net. All you have to do is click on the link and it will take you to the spreadsheet. Find the month of the rally in the tabs at the bottom, click on that tab and it should open a form for you to just type in your name. When you are done with signing up for various GHAC functions, just close the spreadsheet by clicking on the 'X' associated with the spreadsheet at the top of your screen. If you have problems making this work, call me at 281-615-3253. I'll try to make it one of the best tech support phone calls you have ever made.

Please note that the Region 9 rally has been cancelled for 2021. The next Region 9 Rally will be held in Mineola, TX on April 26 - May 1, 2022.

Now on to more good reading...

Bruce

2021 Valentine's Day Rally
(aka the Great South Texas Freeze Off)
Matagorda Bay Nature Park
Matagorda, Texas
11 – 14 February 2021

The first GHAC rally of 2021 held a lot of promise but did not go as well as we had hoped. A new rally site for the club that has a lot of potential for a great rally, located right on the Colorado River and the coast with great spots with full hook ups, direct beach access and a large rally room. Lots of things to see & do on the coast make this a great rally site.

Initially, we were looking at good turnout for a mid-winter rally. The week prior, we had 20 rigs (40+) people signed up to attend, so we had high hopes for this rally. *Unfortunately*, Mother Nature runs the show and planned something a bit different for the weekend. With the impending arrival of the Polar Vortex, several people chose to forego the rally and prepare for the impending arctic freeze that was bearing down on Texas.



Jerry & Tracey Calvert arrived at the park a few days early. Bruce Lee, Tom Harris, Clark Gardner, Jerry & Carol Goodwin, Tom & Caren Bundy, Jerry & Irene Lyddon, Samantha & Robert Hogue, Lisa & Robert Hansen, Michael & Trevina Champion arrived Thursday with the hopes the weather would be a bit more cooperative for our mid-winter event. We had planned a general cookout on Thursday night but, with the rain and cold, everyone chose to stay dry & warm for the evening. Heaters and furnaces were running that night.

Friday dawned with a chilly and slightly drier forecast with the temps in the mid 30's. Jerry & Tracey Calvert opted to pull out early to head home and escape the front and potential perilous road conditions. Friday afternoon, we were joined by Rick & Roxane Graf for the rally, but, unfortunately, they could only stay one day due to the

weather concerns. No real activities were planned for the day and Tom Harris and Bruce Lee gratuitously volunteered to serve as co-hosts. Tom planned an amazing meal of Pasta Fagioli with bread and salad. With an original roster of 40 people, Tom had prepared enough to feed a small platoon so there was plenty for seconds (& thirds). Tom topped it off with some cheesecake and some amazing Limoncello, so the night was a hit, despite the cold weather. We had hoped to welcome our new 1st time members to the club rally with more hospitable conditions, but Mother Nature had other plans.



Saturday arrived cold & chilly. Low clouds, no rain, but cold temps kept everyone moving. We had coffee and continental breakfast in the morning while everyone discussed plans and paid rally dues. Several people decided that they were going to leave early to avoid the nasty weather that was forecasted for the weekend. A few of our planned Valentine's themed activities were nixed due to the weather and COVID restrictions. As the day progressed, many people chose to explore the area and beaches available, but, unfortunately, the cold weather made it less than optimal. As we took stock of the remaining members, we agreed to forego our planned meal of pot roast and serve Tom's great Pasta Fagioli as second time since it was mostly prepared. The



cheesecake and Limoncello were even better the second time around. As we closed out the rally that evening and cleaned up the rally room, we decided that Matagorda Bay was a good site that deserved a second visit. Any other time of the year, this would be a great place to explore the beaches and shoreline of the Gulf Coast. Matagorda Bay has varied activities (kayaking, miniature golf, kite flying, etc.) that makes this a great place to visit (when the weather cooperates).

No activities were scheduled for Sunday as everyone broke camp in the chilly morning to head back north to prepare for the impending polar vortex. We hope that everyone survived the sub-arctic temps and loss of power that plagued all of Texas last week. Hopefully, everyone was able to stay warm and safe. We look forward to seeing everyone again in Brazoria next month and with much warmer temperatures.



Happy Trails!
Jerry & Carol Goodwin

Greater Houston Airstream Club
Upcoming Rallies

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

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

[See the updated rally flyer in this newsletter](#)

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~~
The Region 9 Rally has been cancelled for 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

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing you all a safe, happy and
healthy year!

Mar. 1 - Stephen Couch
Mar. 9 - Jim Parry
Mar. 11-Carla Daggett
Mar. 12-James Wanja
Mar. 13-Jerry Lyddon
Mar. 14-Dell Jones
Mar. 16-Larry Meeks
-Jose Melgares
Mar. 20-Alexi Miller
Mar. 21-Jerry Goodwin
Mar. 22-Pat Martin
Mar. 24-Ron Bernucho
-Crystal Mathis
Mar. 27-Red Childers
Mar. 28-Paul Evens
Mar. 29-Jim Goodwin
-Jerry Tilles
Mar. 31-Vernon Goodwin III

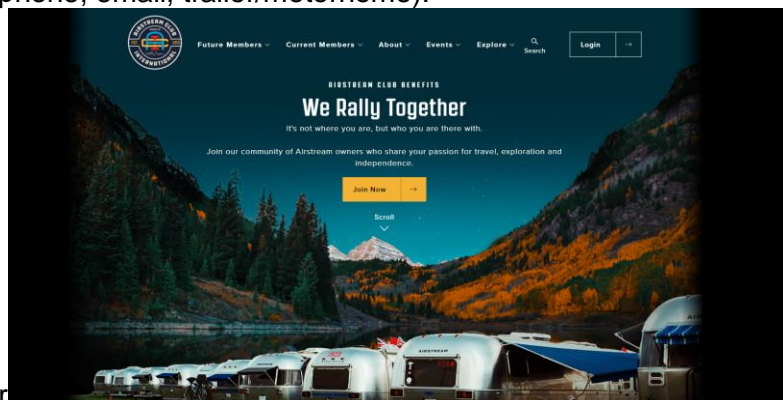
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

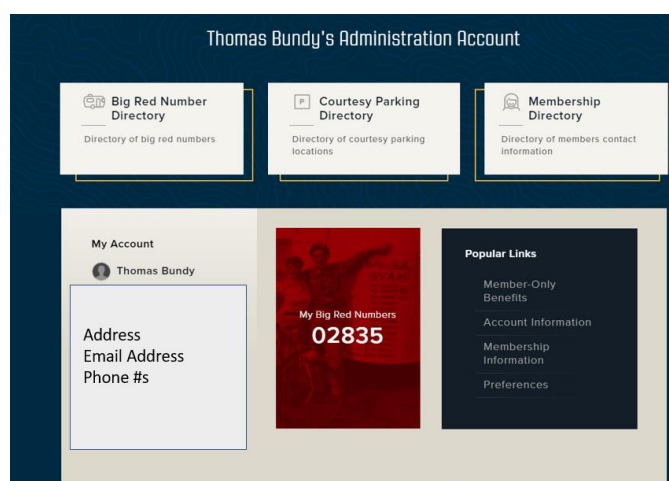
Mar. 3 -Richard and Roxane Graff
Mar. 9 -Peter and Shareece Dumont
-Jim and JoAnn Shults
Mar. 10-Bob and Lisa Hansen
Mar. 12-Jason and Sherry Goodwin
Mar. 16-Lee and Christina Jordan
Mar. 17-Tom and Caren Bundy
Mar. 19-James and Lisa Feine
Mar. 21-Bill and Sofia Smythe

Airstream Club Websites- All You Need to Know

The members only section of the website went live last year. This section gives you access to the WBCCI club directory, location and contact information for courtesy parking, and vendor discounts for WBCCI members. The members only section has links to renew your WBCCI membership and to update your contact information (address, phone, email, trailer/motorhome).



The Airstream Club website [HTTPS://airstreamclub.org](https://airstreamclub.org) gives you access to your members only section by clicking on login in the upper righthand corner. A standard login screen will appear. Your user id is the email address that Jackson Center has on file for you. If this is your first time to access the members site, you will need to click on the forgot password and you will receive an email with a link that allows you set up your password. When you log in to the members only site, you will see the screen below that gives you access to the web based membership directory, including access to the courtesy parking contact information. The courtesy parking locations are shown on a map and the contact information comes up when you click on the desired location. This page also allows you pay your annual membership dues by clicking on Membership information in the popular links box. If you change your address, email or phone numbers, or buy a new trailer/motor home, you will need to update your information by clicking on account information. You can also get the information on discounts that are available to Airstream Club members from Harvest Hosts, Michelin and others by clicking on Member Benefits.



The Greater Houston Airstream Club website is found at: [HTTPS://airstreamclub.org/greater-houston](https://airstreamclub.org/greater-houston). where information on current GHAC rallies, unit newsletters and more can be found. Check us out.



Three New National Road Caravans to Check Out

Come with us, as we explore the historic National Road, on a journey through the lives and fortunes of the men and women who built America.

The National Road runs from Baltimore, MD to Vandalia, IL

There are three caravans covering this route, with each a nine-day format. This will allow younger club members with jobs and families to experience what the Airstream Club was founded to do. The former name, Wally Byam Caravan Club International says it all - the Caravan experience, traveling to enjoy the history, hospitality, and friendship of our host communities, and making new friendships as part of Airstream ownership.

Old National Road East starts in Baltimore and ends in Washington, PA.
Start April 29, 2022 End May 7, 2022

Old National Road Central starts in Washington and ends in Richmond, IN.
Start May 7, 2022 End May 15, 2022

Old National Road West starts in Richmond and ends near Vandalia, IL.
Start May 15, 2022 End May 23, 2022

The segments are each a full nine-day caravan, and run consecutively, making it possible to enjoy just one segment, two segments, or all three.

Register online at <https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/caravans>! There are a total of only 22 units for each segment, and the online enrollment process time stamp decides the order of the wait list after the available spots are filled.

Once you register online, you will be contacted by email regarding kitty fee payment dates and amounts. Please note, the \$25 caravan administration fee the club charges will be charged once if you are booking two or all three segments as the administration fee, and credited to the kitty fee for the other segment(s).

The link to the Facebook group is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1516515115215585/>

Thank you, and hope to see you down the road!

Tom Ketchum
Vicki Ketchum
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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 and Maria and Dan McAnulty

Join us for the Spring Rally at the Brazoria Lakes RV Resort. The park is just a few years old and equipped with wifi 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.

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, but 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 spaced per current Covid19 guidelines.

Friday

8:00 AM – Bring a cup of coffee to the pavilion. Breakfast on your own

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 - \$13/person

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

Make a plan to get your vaccine soon if you are so inclined. 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
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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
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Membership	Joletta Goodwin	# 1311
Newsletter Editor	Leslie Spilman	# 5461

2021 GHAC Rally Schedule

March 2021

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 - 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-~~ **CANCELLED FOR 2021**

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 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

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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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!**