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President's Message

OK, GUYS.... It's 2021. Wasn't it supposed to be better than last year?

We just dug out of the aftermath of Winter storm Uri. We are grateful for the minimal personal injury loss of life but share with you the outpouring of sympathy to the Texans who have suffered this past month.

The good thing is that we only have one direction to go, and that is UP!

We tried last Saturday a Google Meet video conference, and for those who participated, we had clear connections and marveled at the simplicity of participating. Unlike Zoom, Google Meet is just a link which you click and go! We shall have these more regularly so we can keep in touch.

I want to thank everyone for renewing your dues and ask you to reach out to your non-club airstream owner friends and ask them to consider joining the Airstream Club. New Airstream owners will find a community of experienced travelers who have seen it all and are eager to help others by sharing their knowledge. According to its members, perhaps the most significant benefit of the Club is the opportunity to form lifelong friendships with people all across the country who share a love for travel and Airstream.

The coming year will require us to plan as we go, remaining flexible to account for the current pandemic and shifting conditions, remembering safety first. We encourage those of you who are so inclined to get your vaccine as soon as possible. Luci and I traveled to San Angelo, Texas, for our shot. We couldn't get an appointment in the Fort Worth area, and a CVS in San Angelo popped up on our computer. You can check out available vaccine sites here:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx#where>

Meanwhile, since the directors of Region 9 canceled the annual Rally due to the pandemic, one of our members suggested doing an outdoor rally at our park in Glen Rose in late April. We are certainly not trying to run business

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our way, but is a great idea to get a rally—first one in 2021. The weather should be fair, and by hosting the Rally, we can have a 100% guarantee no charge cancellation fee, should condition at that time deteriorate. Please let me know what you think about that.

In May, we have planned a Rally in Castroville, Texas, hosted by Doug & Sheryl Wylie and Joan Ermis.

Another idea brought up during the call was, since we have passed on our spring rallies, we schedule substitutes for the summer, in June and August, along with the International Rally in Tennessee in July. Let us know what you think about that?

Make no doubt about it, this pandemic is coming to an end, and you mustn't let up your guard to exposing you or your loved ones. There will soon be a time we will return to normal, but during these times of stress, I came to some things to keep in mind to avoid stress:

- ⇒ **Avoid your triggers.**
- ⇒ **"Reset" your mind with positive affirmations**
- ⇒ **Limit your exposure to news**
- ⇒ **Cut yourself a break**
- ⇒ **Avoid worst-case scenarios.**
- ⇒ **Remember that worry is unproductive**
- ⇒ **Combat loneliness**
- ⇒ **If you've got to worry, set limits**
- ⇒ **Get going**

Until we meet again, virtually or socially distant, happy trails.

Luci DiGiorgio and Philip Vasquez



MARCH

- 14 Mark Knox
- 18 Joan Ermis
- 23 Myron Fischer
- 27 Charlie Williams

APRIL

- 02 Ronnie Opphile
- 03 Peggy Knox
- 05 Paul Mock
- 09 Doug Wylie
- 21 Erny Mezas



- 22 Gilbert & Suzanne DePaul
- 31 Jim & Raisin Schwerdfeger



We would like to welcome Neil and Lia Robinson to Texas from Washington State. Hope to see you in an Airstream rally soon!



- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ If you are not a Facebook user or a seldom Facebook user (like me) BUT would like to provide news or pictures in this newsletter, please send it to me at ally.ebbers@gmail.com and I will post on the next newsletter.



Website: <https://airstreamclub.org/TexasHillCountry>
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Facebook Page: Texas Hill Country Unit





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

Registration is now [OPEN](#) 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 airstreamclub.org/Lebanon.

Hope to see you there!

Andrew Selking

International President

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	None planned	If you have an idea of where to go and be the Wagon Master please contact Phillip Vasquez
April 13-18 Region 9	Mineola, TX Rearing 20s Theme	CANCELLED—May plan one late April in Glen Rose
May	Castroville, TX	WagonMasters: Doug and Sheryl Wylie and 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	

