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April Rally at Salmon Lake Park, Grapeland, Texas

President's Message

I hope you are all doing well. I'd like to introduce our newest members to GHAC: Jim & LuAnne Wanja joined January 8, Larry & Susan Meeks joined January 14 and Allen & Judy Thyssen joined March 26. Our newest members are Thomas and Susan Raia who joined April 20. Jim and LuAnne are still waiting on the trailer they ordered to arrive. They are hoping to get it by early summer. Larry and Susan came to the April rally and we all enjoyed meeting them. We look forward to meeting Allen & Judy and Thomas & Susan at a GHAC event in the near future. We also have new affiliate members Pete & Carol Baker and Denis & Patti Blanchet. Pete & Carol are originally from Virginia but are now living in Friendswood, TX. They also joined us at the April rally and found some familiar faces from the various caravans they have traveled. Pete is a Past President of the Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club, where they are currently regular members. Denis and Patti just joined WBCCI and are members of Texas Hill Country Unit but live in Magnolia, TX. Please welcome these new members.

Speaking of the April rally we had a great time at eclectic Salmon Lake Park. Twenty-one rigs attended including guest Stan Schwenke from the Wisc-Up Airstream Club (Wisconsin and U.P.). Stan actually had to earn his keep at the rally by providing the after-dinner entertainment Friday night. The hosts for this event were Jerry and Tracey Calvert, Bob and Lisa Hansen, Ken and Lia Laney, Jose and Valerie Melgares. Valerie provides more details of this rally further in this newsletter.



Rally hosts Jose Melgares, Lisa & Bob Hansen, Tracey & Jerry Calvert, Valerie Melgares, Lia & Ken Laney

The April rally marks the end of our late Winter, Spring rally season. We have the annual luncheon on May 15. Please send your reservations for this event to Clark Gardner and Debbie Pfunder. They are working hard to make this once in a lifetime May annual luncheon a great gathering. More details can be found in the flyer in this newsletter. So, what's in store for GHAC after May? We have one open spot for the caravan to Lebanon. Please contact me (balee5068@gmail.com) if you are interested in traveling with some of your fellow GHAC'ers to the International Rally. Our Fall rally campaign begins with our traditional Labor Day Rally. This year we will gather at the Vineyards of Fredericksburg (TX) RV Park, September 2-7. **Hosts are needed for this rally.** October 7-10 we will return to the Galveston RV Resort and Marina. This was originally scheduled as a chili cook-off but hosts Bob and June Hutson and co-hosts Fred Walschburger, Sue Gaines, Clark Gardner and Debbie Pfunder have decided to try something different. November 4-7 we will meet at the Lake Livingston/Onalaska KOA in Onalaska, TX. Hosts Rick & Tracy Elkins and co-hosts Dan & Maria McAnulty are working on details for this rally. The Christmas and Installation Rally will be December 2-5 at the Lake Conroe KOA. **We are in need of hosts for this final event of 2021.**



New Members Susan and Larry Meeks



New Affiliate Members Pete and Carol Baker

Safe and healthy journeys,
Bruce

**Greater Houston Airstream Club
Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting 2021
Landry's Seafood House Woodlands
1212 Lake Robbins Drive
The Woodlands, Tx 77380**

Directions: I-45 N to The Woodlands. Take Woodlands Parkway exit. West on Woodlands Parkway, then right on Woodloch Forest Dr. Right on Lake Robbins Dr. Continue to destination on the left.

Hosts: Debbie Pfunder and Clark Gardner

Date: May 15, 2021

Time: 11:30 am

Suggested Attire

Men: Coat and tie

Women: Dressy dress or pantsuit

Please join us for the GHAC annual luncheon/business meeting at Landry's Seafood House Woodlands. The cost per person is \$25 with cash bar.

Please text or email Debbie Pfunder if you plan on attending along with the number of people in your party. **Please notify us by Monday, May 10.** Payment for the meal should be sent to 16522 Village Dr., Jersey Village, Tx 77040 or pay by check at the door (mail is preferable). We will accept PayPal Friends and Family or Zelle, please call 832-776-6055 for additional information.

Menu
(Choice of)

- ❖ Fish and Shrimp – French Fries, Onion strings
- ❖ Landry's Fettucine – Blackened Chicken or Shrimp, Mushrooms, Tomatoes, Green Peas, Alfredo sauce.
- ❖ Grilled Salmon – Rice Pilaf, Seasonal vegetables

- ❖ Dessert: Crème Brule

Business meeting to follow.

If you have any additional questions, please call Debbie Pfunder at (832 776-6055 or Clark Gardner (713) 204-8126. Email: dpfunder7@gmail.com or rcg1@sbcglobal.net

See you there!

April Rally Report

21 Airstreams and 43 people, including 3 guests, joined the Grapeland Rally April 8-11. The hosts were Jerry & Tracey Calvert, Bob & Lisa Hansen, Ken & Lia Laney, and Jose & Valerie Melgares. Regular members attending were Alan, Bernadine & Ashley Billard, Tom & Caren Bundy, Paul Evens & Natalie Garrett, Clark Gardner & Debbie Pfunder, Jerry & Carol Goodwin, Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Michael & Carrie Iversen, Bill & Dorma Kindle, Bruce Lee, Jerry & Irene Lyddon, Larry & Susan Meeks (attending their first rally), Jim & Barbara Mercer, Dave & Jan Rightmyer, Daniel & Lisa Schwarz, Doug & Leslie Stauber and Don & Helen Teegarden. Guests were Pete & Carol Baker from the Mid-Atlantic Unit and Stan Schwenke from the Wisc-UP unit (Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula)

Most rigs came in Thursday. As a group we went to Lindo Guanajuato Tex-Mex Restaurant in Crockett. The restaurant provided a private seating area next to the main restaurant for us to enjoy. The food was delicious, and the company was even better.

Friday everyone had free time to do whatever they liked. There was a wildlife preserve just a few minutes away from the camp, and Crockett National Forest was within a reasonable distance as well. Salmon Lake campground was worth exploring on its own merits. The original owner, Floyd Salmon, turned his previous watering hole for cattle into a nostalgic RV park, filled with old buildings, vehicles and even old farm equipment which he placed in strategic locations around the RV park. There was an old "western town" with shops and purchased cabins that were refurbished into cute little cabins around the lake.

We met that evening at the Sunshine Inn, a former church that seats 200+ guests. The hosts and co-hosts provided a Chicken Spaghetti with Salad and warm, buttered Italian bread and best of all – ice cream bars for dessert! And then it was time for Jerry to be surprised with a birthday cake and candle....as well as a present from members of our club full of "unique", funny, and even a few useful items! As an added treat Stan Schwenke played some old videos (circa 1954) of the Ed Sullivan Show that had Stan and his family performing many acrobatic routines. Even Stan's youngest sister, who was infant, got to perform with the family.

Saturday brought more lovely weather that was perfect for a weekend RVing with friends. The morning started with breakfast sandwiches provided by Stan and coffee, juice and fruit provided by the hosts. After breakfast, Stan gave a presentation on the SkyMed travel assistance program. There was more free time in the morning and afternoon to visit local farmers markets, chat with one another, or just hang out and read. Saturday afternoon some of the women gathered for a craft event lead by Lisa Hansen. They made personalized book marks and discussed nature journaling. Vernon arranged a train ride for us later in the afternoon....and that is when disaster hit! About 10-15 in our group were on an exhilarating ride in this sweet little train around the park, when it derailed! You are right...the group had to walk all the way back to camp...at least 50 feet! All survived and managed a few great photos of the incident.

Saturday night we brought our protein of choice to grill, and hosts provided whole potatoes with butter, cheese and sour cream. Jerry provided assorted candy bars for all. Both nights had a couple of fire pits hosted by Jose & Val and Dave & Jan where we spent time chatting and laughing.

The next morning it was time to pack up and go home with great memories. So much fun!

I can't wait until September to see everyone again!



Our Rally Room, A/K/A the Sunshine Inn, with hostess Tracey Calvert



Part of our Airstream club



The RV Park provides its own natural alarm clocks



We did have to check our guns in at the Marshall's office

More Scenes from Salmon Lake





Bruce checking out some of the construction equipment



The Great Train Ride



And Derailment



During the second lap around the track the train derailed. Two cars had to be unhitched and the wheel trucks placed back on the track – manually. The next time around the train derailed again in the same spot. It was decided that we had had enough and happy hour was declared.

Crafts and Dinner



Jerry receiving one of his birthday presents



Grilling dinner Saturday evening

Labor Day Rally

September 2-7, 2021

Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park



2647 N US Highway 87
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
(830) 992-1237
stay@thevineyardsrvpark.com

Fees: Parking fee: \$45/night. Rally fee: TBD

Hosts: None yet, but I am hoping some people will volunteer soon

Schedule of Events: TBD

In the past we have had a few rallies in Fredericksburg. I have even heard that some of our members travel there for the month of September to escape either the Houston heat or hurricanes. There are plenty of places to visit, tour and eat so please mark your calendars for a rendezvous in this central Texas hill country town.

The RV Park is holding twenty spots for us. These will be released after August 2. Call the RV Park directly to reserve your spot and tell them you are with the Greater Houston Airstream Club.

For now, please send an email to Bruce Lee (balee5068@gmail.com) after you make your reservation or if you want to be a host.

2021 GHAC Rally Schedule

(That's Greater Houston Airstream Club)

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: October 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, Lake Livingston/Onalaska KOA**
 - 15152 U Hwy 190 West, Onalaska, TX 77360: 936-646-3824
 - Hosts: Rick and Tracy Elkins, rick122151@gmail.com

December 2021

- **December 2-5: Christmas & Installation Rally, KOA Lake Conroe**
 - 19785 Highway 105 West, Conroe, TX 77356: 936-582-1200
 - Hosts: **TBD**



While you were enjoying flowers, I was enjoying snow!



MAY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy year!

Birthdays

2-May Christina Jordan
 4-May Michael Champion
 15-May Tom Harris
 18-May George Nixon
 23-May Dave Rightmyer
 25-May Bill Hamilton
 25-May Jack Isbell
 27-May Jody Bashor
 28-May Danny Brown
 29-May Edward Ferrin
 31-May Daniel Schwarz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

The best is yet to come! Enjoy!

4-May Jerry and Carol Goodwin
 5-May Edward and Sharlene Ferrin
 5-May John and Terry Fuselier
 6-May Clark Gardner and Debbie Pfunder
 9-May Chuck Bracht and Cheryl Verlander
 13-May George and Jennifer Harpole
 13-May Tom and Virginia Taroni
 15-May Chris and Renee Carantza
 18-May John and Susan Sheridan
 20-May Larry and Susan Meeks
 21-May Duke and Nancy Fleshman
 21-May Ken and Lia Laney
 22-May Ron and Janice Lange
 25-May Thomas and Vicki Ketchum
 28-May Stuart and Janice Archibald
 29-May Rick and Laurie Vice

Time to Plan for Next Year

2022 GHAC Rally Schedule

(Subject to change)

Event	Date	Place
Annual Luncheon	1/22/2022	
Valentines Rally	2/10-13/22	Matagorda Bay RV and Nature Park
GHAC Rally	3/10-13/22	Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA
GHAC Rally	4/21-24/22	Jamaica Beach RV Park
Region 9 Rally	4/26-5/1/22	Mineola, TX
Memorial Day Rally	5/26-30/22	Johnson Creek RV Resort
International	7/16-23/22	Fryeburg, Maine
Labor Day Rally	9/1-5/22	Blue Lagoons RV Resort
2GHAC Rally	10/13-16/22	Lake Somerville State Park
Buddy Rally	11/17-20/22	Brazos Bend State Park
Christmas/Installation	12/29-1/1/23	Coushatta Recreation Ranch



Airstream Club Websites- Just so you don't forget

The Airstream Club website <HTTPS://airstreamclub.org> gives you access to your members only section by clicking on login in the upper righthand corner.

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

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

By Carol Goodwin

One of the definitions of "sunshine", according to Merriam-Webster.com is "someone or something (such as a person, condition, or influence) that radiates warmth, cheer, or happiness". I hope you will always find sunshine in this column.

Last weekend, I found moments of sunshine at our rally at Salmon Lake. The location was beautiful with old buildings, vehicles, and other rusty old items sprinkled about by the former owner. We had a spacious rally room with a large porch. There were long pews on the porch that encouraged sitting to admire the landscape and talking to our Airstream friends. Adding to this sunshine, we had good food provided by our hosts and good conversation with old and new members. One night after going out to dinner, I had a rare opportunity to enjoy waiting for an exceptionally long train while listening to family members in my truck sing robustly to older country-western songs. My life is full of sunshine!! On Saturday, I enjoyed Craft Time presented by Lisa Hansen, a retired art teacher, who inspired us to keep journals about our life and travel through art. I also enjoyed talking to Tracey Calvert about genealogy. She is a wealth of information. Every night, we had a campfire provided by Mike Iversen and more conversation. This made me happy, too. I hope everyone who comes to our rallies finds their moments of sunshine like I did. 😊

Finally, we would like to send sunshine and get well wishes for a speedy recovery to Fred Walschburger who recently had surgery. We hope to see him and Sue very soon.

Have Happy and Safe Travels!

Welcome New Members

Jim and LuAnne Wanja
Larry and Susan Meeks
Allen and Judy Thyssen
Pete and Carol Baker - Affiliates
Thomas and Susan Raia
Denis and Patti Blanchet - Affiliates

TECH TALK

Larry Meeks, one of newest members, was having trouble with the battery monitor in his new Airstream. He found the following information and wanted to share it everyone in case they felt like their battery monitor needed recalibration.

TECHNICAL SERVICES BULLETIN # 20

Date: September 30, 2016

To: All Manufacturers, Dealers and Installers.

RV Tank Monitor Equipment Calibration of Voltmeters 709 all models

Subject: Console voltage is out of calibration.

There will be instances where the console will indicate an incorrect voltage on battery power supply.

Procedure to correct the problem:

See Level II Model 709 All

1. Set Power Supply to 13.0 vdc
2. Disconnect console from the power source.
3. Press and hold down the battery button.
4. Apply power to the console while holding down the battery button.
5. Release the battery button when a voltage value is shown, it should read close to 13.0 volts. The specification for voltmeters is +/- .2 volts dc.

- If a power supply is not available, complete this procedure when your house battery is at full charge or as close to 13 volts as possible.

**Greater Houston Airstream Club
2021 Unit Officers**

Unit Officers:

President	Bruce Lee	# 5461
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2 nd Vice President	~~~	
3 rd Vice President	~~~	
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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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& SERVICE

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WE CAN FIX IT

We also install Blue Ox tow-bars

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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!**