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## President's Message

Finally, we have shaken off the last vestiges of winter and are racing into summer. Not a moment too soon.

We are so proud to continue to build membership we added four new members recently. Brian and Clarita Walker of Bastrop and Austin Lucas and Alexa Fischer from the "Big D" are our newbies. You will find out that we are the fun-est RV club around, where like in Lake Wobegon, all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average.

Luci and I would like to thank all the Airstreamers who came to our Grand Opening & 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (of the park, not our marriage). We rallied with the North Texas Unit, and I believe we had some "Heart of Texas" members. Also rallying with us was the Tin Can Tourists, who made the vintage feel authentic for the park. Of course, to make the event over the top, we had a special appearance of Mermaids. We had the descendants of the previous owners which we celebrated their ownership of our Oakdale Park. On Sunday, we had a special surprise appearance of

the 1960's icon Ruth Buzzi and her husband, Kent Perkins. She ate breakfast with us, and she and Ken told us some of their "Hollywood Stories."

This Saturday, May 8th, at 11 am, we will have our "Second Saturday Google Meetup" to update folks, take some more suggestions, and swap information for the coming season. You should have an invitation in your email, but I will send a reminder the day before the meeting, likely on Friday.

We have some excellent and exciting rallies this summer, starting with the May 13-16 rally. Joan Ermis and Doug and Sheryl Wylie are hosting a rally in Brazos Valley Park in Caldwell, Texas. *A condensed itinerary is on page 7 while a detailed itinerary for the rally will be separately attached.* Joan and Doug are also planning on leading a caravan to the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee July 17-24<sup>th</sup>. Let's see how many of our members can make it to International! *An initial detailed itinerary starts on page 9.*

We are also all agreed that we should have a June Rally, but nobody stepped forward to lead it yet. I will be reaching out to encourage a couple of you to organize a June Rally.

I'm most proud that in Glen Rose, we voted to encourage our members who haven't made a rally to come to a rally this fall without paying any rally fee. Our club will use the money in our account to encourage those who haven't rallied, to jump in. I will personally be calling or emailing you guys who haven't had a chance to see what a THCU rally is all about. We will get on the ball to create a slate of rallies for the fall and recruit those members. It should be good. Stay tuned for more information.

Let us continue to live life to the fullest remembering, "We are all just kids, who grew up way too fast". Luci and Philip



## April Rally at Glen Rose (April 29-May 2, 2021) in pictures



The first night of the start of the rally, there was a get together for dinner and a kick off. There were three groups attending this rally, Texas Hill Country Unit, North Texas Unit, and Tin Can Tourist. So fun!

Top picture—scene of the 'Casino' at Oakland RV before dinner. Philip and Luci are officially kicking off the weekend festivities.

Middle pictures—Various folks from the THC Unit. Attendees for this rally from the THC Unit are the following folks: Jan & Eddie Eiland, Billy & Christina Nabors, Dan & Zephyr Marek, Carol Williams and Carol Wallace, Justin Hargadine, Joan Ermis, Dave Toy, Philip Vasquez and Luci Digiorgio, Bob & Sylvia Lemley, Austin Lucas and Alexa Fisher, Tim & Allison Ebbers. Also welcomed were guests, Ken & Joy Prettol

Bottom picture—we weren't all parked together, but still makes a great photo to see a few rigs lined up.





# April Rally at Glen Rose (April 29-May 2, 2021) in pictures



Lunch at Big Cup Café was delicious. After a private tour at Barnard Mill Museum for some and a look-see at an old petrified gas station for others. There was even time for a game of 42 for a few who were interested.







OAKDALE PARK  
EVENTS  
GRAND OPENING + 95<sup>TH</sup> ANN.  
MAY 1 LONE STAR T'S  
TCT & THCU RALLYS  
& MERMAIDS!



Top photos: Various pictures from the park. It is pretty large!

Middle photo: Friday night was western night; dinner was BBQ and there was a western band where dancing was encouraged. How fun was that??

Bottom photo: On Saturday, there was a THC Unit meeting and first time rally attendees were inducted into the group. Welcome Austin, Elexa, Sylvia, and Bob!





Top photos: The mermaids were enchanting. Too bad weather did not cooperate and we were not able to experience their full talents in the Oakdale pool



Middle photo (left): Ribbon cutting celebrating 95 years of Oakdale Park

Middle photos (below): The Cox family (left), first owners of Oakdale and the May family (right) the second owners of Oakdale joined in the Saturday festivities

Bottom photos: There were a couple of Model T cars displayed with owners who were kind enough to let us have several photo ops







MAY

- 06 Nancy Westley
- 08 Martha Gosnell
- 14 Lisa Brankin
- 15 Jan Grimes
- 28 Cindy Johnson

JUNE

- 10 Mickey Finch
- 14 Kathryn Chandler
- 16 Warner Hord
- 21 Jazz Jaeschke
- 25 Gail Hord
- 26 Betty Lanasa

welcome

**New members:**

Brian and Clarita Walker  
Austin Lucas and Elexa Fischer



- ⇒ 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.



- June 11 Doug & Sheryl Wylie
- June 16 John & Becky Blackhall
- June 20 Dan & Zephyr Marek
- June 28 Gary & Lisa Brankin



**Website:** <https://airstreamclub.org/TexasHillCountry>  
**THCU President:** pdvasquez@gmail.com  
**Facebook Page:** Texas Hill Country Unit



**Texas Hill Country May 13-16, 2021 Buddy Rally**

Location: Brazos Valley RV Park  
2190 State Hwy 21 East, Caldwell, Texas 77836

**Call Joan Ermis (830) 263-8378 to secure your spot. DO NOT CALL BRAZOS VALLEY RV PARK.**

Thursday, May 13 **Arrival Day** (Please arrive no earlier than 1:00 PM)

4:00 PM Meet and greet

5:00 PM Leave for Sodolak's Original Country Inn in Snook, TX  
9711 Fm 60 Rd E Snook, TX 77878

Friday, May 14 **Exploring Caldwell**

Breakfast on your own

Explore Caldwell, TX: Review detailed itinerary included as an attachment

5:00 PM Social Hour at fire pit (weather permitting)

6:00 PM Steak or burger grilling (weather permitting)

Saturday, May 15 **Exploring Bryan College Station**

Breakfast on your own

9:45 AM Leave for Bryan/College Station

Explore Bryan/College Station, TX: Review detailed itinerary included as an attachment

4:30 PM Social Hour at fire pit (weather permitting)

6:00 PM Spring Cleaning Items Exchange

Sunday, May 16 **Departure Day**

8:30 AM Devotional



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

Registration is now [OPEN](#) for the 64<sup>th</sup> 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](http://airstreamclub.org/Lebanon).

Hope to see you there!

Andrew Selking

International President

The next few pages include the initial itinerary for a caravan to International Please contact Joan Ermis [joanermis@hotmail.com](mailto:joanermis@hotmail.com) or Doug/Sheryl Wylie ([dew50@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dew50@sbcglobal.net)) if you are interested in coming along on the caravan to International 2021



ITINERARY OUTBOUND TO LEBANON, TENNESSEE  
DEPART JULY 8 & ARRIVE JULY 15

July 8 Thursday	Depart Home Meet Murchison, TX	Staway RV Park (903) 469-4477 10101 State Hwy. 31 East
Varied	Varied	Discounts: Passport America & Good Sam
July 9 Friday	Arrive Texarkana, AR	Depart Murchison Sunrise RV Park (870) 772-0751 8225 Camper Lane
151 miles	~3 hours	Discounts: Good Sam
July 10 Saturday	Depart Texarkana Arrive Little Rock, AR	KOA Little Rock North (501) 758-4598 7820 Kampground Way
145 miles	~3 hours	Discounts: KOA
July 11 Sunday	Depart Little Rock Arrive West Memphis, AR	Tom Sawyer's RV Park (870) 735-9770 1286 South 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
126 miles	~3 hours	Discounts: Good Sam
July 12 Monday	SIGHTSEEING IN MEMPHIS	(SEE POINTS OF INTEREST)
July 13 Tuesday	Depart West Memphis, AR Arrive Nashville, TN	Two Rivers Campground (615) 883-8559 2616 Music Valley Drive
221 miles		~4 hours Discounts: Good Sam
July 14 Wednesday	SIGHTSEEING IN NASHVILLE	(SEE POINTS OF INTEREST)
July 15 Thursday	Depart Nashville, TN Arrive Lebanon, TN	
60 miles		
July 16 Friday	SIGHTSEEING IN LEBANON	
July 17-July 24	Lebanon, Tennessee	INTERNATIONAL RALLY



ITINERARY HOMEBOUND FROM LEBANON, TN TO TEXAS  
DEPART JULY 25 & ARRIVE JULY 31

July 25 Sunday 60 miles	Depart Lebanon, TN Arrive Nashville, TN Varied	Two Rivers Campground (615) 883-8559 2616 Music Valley Drive Discounts: Good Sam
July 26 Monday	SIGHTSEEING IN NASHVILLE	
July 27 Tuesday 221 miles	Depart Nashville, TN Arrive West Memphis, AR ~4 hours	Tom Sawyer RV Park (870) 735-9770 1286 South 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Discounts: Good Sam
July 28 Wednesday 126 miles	Depart West Memphis, AR Arrive Little Rock, AR ~3 hours	KOA Little Rock North 7820 Kampground Way (501)758-4598 Discounts: KOA
July 29 Thursday 145 miles	Depart Little Rock, AR Arrive Texarkana, AR ~3 hours	Sunrise RV Park 8225 Camper Lane (870) 772-0751 Discounts: Good Sam
July 30 Friday East 151 miles	Depart Texarkana, AR  ~3 hours	Staway RV Park Arrive Murchison, TX 10101 State Hwy. 31  Discounts: Good Sam
July 31 Saturday	Depart Murchison, TX Home	(Mileage will vary)

\*\*\*\*\* Points of Interest are attached. You are encouraged to contact the Tourism Bureau for each state to get more detailed information.



## Little Rock, AR Points of Interest

Aerospace Education Center 3301 E. Roosevelt Road

Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum----Home to USS Razorback  
100 Riverfront Drive  
Arkansas State Capitol (not open on Saturday or Sunday)

Big Dam Bridge 7600 Rebsamen Park Road

Clinton Presidential Center 1200 President Clinton Avenue

The Old Mill-----Lakeshore at Fairway----Signs mark the way  
National Register of Historic Places (Site #8600385)  
Re-creation of an 1880's water-powered grist mill  
Featured in opening scenes of "Gone with the Wind"  
Awesome sculptures and landscaping

## Memphis, TN Points of Interest

B.B.King's Blues Club

Beale Street

Belz Museum of Asian & Judaic Art

Clark Tower

Cotton Museum at the Memphis Cotton Exchange

Elmwood Cemetery

Graceland

Memphis Botanic Garden

Memphis Brooks Museum of Art

Memphis Rock 'n' Roll Soul Museum

Metal Museum

Mississippi River Museum—Mud Island & Beale Street Landing

Old Dominick Distillery

Overton Square

Peabody Hotel.....Peabody Ducks

Stax Museum of American Soul Music

Suggested Dining

B.B. King's

Bar-B-Q Shop

Charlie Vergos' Rendezvous

Corky's Ribs & BBQ

Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken

Philip Ashley Chocolates

[www.memphistravel.com](http://www.memphistravel.com)



## Nashville, TN Points of Interest

Carton Museum of the Civil War 1345 Carton Lane Mansion was built in 1826 \$15.00 per person.....1700 Confederate soldier buried there. The Battle of Franklin was the most devastating for the South. One of the most haunted places in Tennessee.

Grand Ole Opry (615) 871-6779 2804 Opryland Drive (Check the internet for shows and prices.)

Hermitage Home of Andrew Jackson "Old Hickory" 7<sup>th</sup> President of the US  
4500 Rache's Lane (615) 889-2941

Parthenon (615) 862-8431 2500 West End Ave in Centennial Park. Built in 1897 as part of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition it is a full scale replica of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece.

RCA Studio B (615) 416-2001 1611 Roy Acuff Place Known for "Nashville Sounds" It was built in 1957 Tickets required....call for prices and availability.

Ryman Auditorium (615) 889-3060 116 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. North Tickets required....call for prices and availability.

Tennessee State Museum (800) 407-4324 (615) 741-2629 Travelers' Choice Award for 2020.  
1000 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.

Civil War Exhibits are among the finest in the nation. Call for prices.

EXTRA: The Texas Hill Country Unit group has been invited to join a rally with the Greater Houston Airstream Club in September. Check out the information below. If you are interested, please contact the hosts, Tom and Vicki Ketchum. Additional details will be worked out later and distributed to all interested parties.

# Labor Day Rally

**September 2-6, 2021**  
**Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park**



2647 N US Highway 87  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

(830) 992-1237  
[stay@thevineyardsrvpark.com](mailto:stay@thevineyardsrvpark.com)

**Hosts:** Tom and Vicki Ketchum, [tvketchum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tvketchum@sbcglobal.net)

## **Schedule of Events**

TBD



## THCU 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)
<del>January 18-22</del>	<del>IBT Sarasota, FL</del>	<del>International Officers</del>
February	None planned	
March	None planned	
<del>April 13-18</del> <b>Region 9</b>	<del>Mineola, TX</del> <b>Roaring 20s Theme</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>
<del>April 29 - May 2</del>	<del>Oakdale RV Resort &amp; Motor Court Glenrose, TX</del>	<del>WagonMasters: Philip Vasquez and Luci DiGiorgio</del>
May 13-16	Brazos Valley RV Park Caldwell, TX	WagonMasters: Doug and Sheryl Wylie and Joan Ermis
<b>July 17-24</b> <b>International</b>	<b>Lebanon, TN</b>	<b>International Officers</b>
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	

