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President's Message

Dear Hill Country Unit:

Let us begin with the message for every one of you should take care of your health and not take unnecessary risks to your health. Having said that we will forego our August indoor luncheon this year and will look forward to outdoor rallies with outdoor activities.

Jenny Han said, **"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August."**

We are just getting back from one of those good and magical things". We attended one most spectacular events in which we had ever participated. The 2021 Airstream International Rally in Lebanon was great. Our club was well represented and had seven rigs as part of a record turnout for Region 9. Our club then hosted a "Tennessee Whiskey Happy Hour" for Region 9. Over 100 members our reception and good times were had by all.

Next year's international rally is already accepting reservations. It will be in Fryeburg, Maine, from July 23-29, 2022. I wouldn't be surprised that it gets sold out due to the overwhelming success of this year's rally. I know Maine is a far from Texas, but at least it is cool.

We are so fortunate to be able to welcome more new members into our club. We've been coming out of the pandemic year, yet we have added 24 members since last December! We'd like to welcome our latest members who have joined in July: April and Craig McDonald of Comfort, Evette Maytum of Boerne, Katherine Turner Mays and Oliver Wasser of Austin, Kellie and Flint Hughes of Kempner, and Marco and Graciela Hernandez of San Antonio.

I would like to remind all Texas Hill Country Unit member members who have not yet gone on your first rally—the club will pick up the rally fees for your first rally. You will only have to pay for your "hookup fee." It is a small way to encourage all our members to come out and rally with us. It will change your outlook on Airstream ownership.

We have some exciting rallies planned for the fall, so check this newsletter for more information.

Lastly, Luci and I became Second Lady and 2nd VP of Region 9. Region 9 is composed of clubs in Texas and Oklahoma except for El Paso. Our duties are not specified, so we can have some fun making our club and region the best. We would like to establish two iconic South-Western Rallies which would draw folks from all over and showcase our region.

We ask each of you to let us know your thoughts on this and on making our clubs better.

Philip & Luci Vasquez

Caravan to Airstream International in Lebanon, TN

The caravan to International in Lebanon, TN was the first one for us (Tim and Ally). Below is a mostly pictorial representation of our experiences of the trip.



Day 1—Meet-Up at Stay-A-While RV Park in Murchison, TX. Four rigs met up, Doug and Sheryl Wylie, Dave Toy, Joane Ermis, and us (Tim and Ally Ebbers)

It was a nice little park. Maybe a good one for a future rally. There is a little lake. It was pretty quiet. The park let us wash the rigs



Caravan to Airstream International in Lebanon, TN (continued)



Day 2—Second day led us to Texarkana, AR. Before checking into Sunrise RV Park, we went to Naaman’s Championship BBQ. A restaurant that serves some pretty darn good BBQ. It is a stop we would go back to again.

Top left picture: Getting gas in the morning before getting underway.



Above picture: Sunrise RV Park, when seen from the air, is shaped like a sunrise. We all tried to park accordingly, but some of us were all over the board.

Right picture: Tim and Dave washing the Wylie’s rig’s rooftop.

Bottom picture: Sunset at Sunrise RV Park



Caravan to Airstream International in Lebanon, TN (continued)

Day 3—The third day we split up a little while at North Little Rock, AR. We (Ebbbers) stayed at the North Little Rock KOA while the rest stayed at Burns Park. Both were in the same general area. Picture below shows Burns Park— nice campground with wide tall treed sites. So nice.



We explored North Little Rock, AR little; we visited the Old Mill. Pictures below shows what we saw at the Old Mill. Doesn't the *far right (middle) picture* look like Dave's head is on the block?? The picture isn't altered in any way.



Above left picture: Doesn't Tim look like a giant compared to Joane? Another unaltered picture. What is up at the Old Mill??



Left picture: It was a little warm, so what do we do? We play Mexican Train. Fun times. It's Dave's first time playing. He had the highest points—he didn't find out until later that Mexican Train is like golf—highest points doesn't make a winner.

Caravan to Airstream International in Lebanon, TN (continued)

Day 4 & 5—The next couple of days we spent at West Memphis, AR at gem of a campground called Tom Sawyer RV Park. Going into this campground it looks like we are going deep into the woods, but it opens up into an RV campground that has the view of the Mississippi River with tugboats going up and down the river.

Picture to the right: We had dinner at Ponchos, which is the closest restaurant to the campground

Picture below: At this campground we met up with Marya and Bruce Barefoot and two couples from from AZ (also) going to International. Marya and Bruce were super awesome and hosted an impromptu happy hour complete with a 'fireplace' and Mr Wally Byam.



Since we were here two days, some of us went to the famous Beale Street to explore and have lunch at BB Kings.



Caravan to Airstream International in Lebanon, TN (continued)



Day 6 & 7—Nashville is a great town to visit and warranted a couple of days before heading to International. We stayed at Two Rivers Campground and had a great time exploring some of what Nashville had to offer...which is a lot...so we settled on the Parthenon (top two photos), Nashville Hot Chicken at Scoreboard (bottom left photo) which was close to the campground, the Willie Nelson store and Cooter's Garage Store and Museum (bottom middle photo) close to Scoreboard and in the evening some moonshine tasting (bottom right photo).



Caravan to Airstream International in Lebanon, TN (continued)

Day 8—following Sunday —After exploring Nashville we headed to International. Some of us explored around the area such as the historic Rock Castle, Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage, Lebanon’s Museum and Historic Center, and Cedar’s of Lebanon State Park.



Top left: Dave, Joane, Tim and Ally in front of the Rock Mansion.

Top right: Canyon, our knowledgeable tour guide, showed us how they made tea back in the day. FYI—they broke off pieces from that tablet.

Middle right: The spectacular grounds at Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage

Bottom left: Cedars at Lebanon State Park

Bottom right: Museum and History Center at Lebanon



Caravan to Airstream International in Lebanon, TN (continued)

Day 8—following Sunday —In addition to exploring around the Lebanon area, there were sessions geared toward anything Airstream, vendors selling items to enhance the Airstream experience, a vintage Airstream parade, a night of magic, a night of dancing, and of course, the camaraderie. Pictured below is a panorama of just one part of the parking space where Airstreams were parked at the fairgrounds. There was a sea of them... and it was awesome.



Top left photo: Parked vintage airstream club rigs.
Top right photo: Super awesome International Harvester Travelall pulling a vintage Airstream
Middle left: Dinner get togethers outside Geno and Betty's rig
Middle right: Super cute Bunny and Luci at the pet parade
Bottom middle: THCU president Philip carrying our flag in during the opening ceremony



Caravan to Airstream International in Lebanon, TN (continued)

Day 8—following Sunday —More photos!

Top right: Region 9 happy hour initiated by Philip and Luci

Middle left: Region 9 happy hour snack and margarita table

Middle center: Philip and Luci at a dinner get together

Middle right: Really good sugar cookies compliments of Oakdale RV Resort..so good and good-lookin' I had to take a pic

Bottom photos: Impromptu pot-luck on the last day with Geno and Betty from the Houston group and Tom and Allana from the Dallas group. Notice that in the background there are no more Airstreams? It was packed the day before.



As part of this journey, I wanted to share a few thoughts from a few folks in the caravan to help anyone thinking about going to the next Airstream International in Fryeburg, Maine (or maybe Rock Springs, WY in 2023). I asked a few questions and here are the responses:

Question: What is your most memorable time during the caravan to Lebanon, TN?

Dave Toy: Watching Joane's backside.

Doug Wylie: Liked Tom Sawyer RV Park because it is right on the Mississippi River.

Sheryl Wylie: The food—BBKings was delicious!

Joane Ermis: Getting everyone to International safely and in one piece.

Tim Ebbers: Enjoyed the drive through east Texas near Mt Vernon. It is different from the hill country or west Texas.

Allison Ebbers: Really liked that the trip has planned stops and we didn't have to scope out where to stay. Really thankful for Doug and Joane for planning the trip.

Question: What did you enjoy doing or seeing outside of International?

Dave Toy: Going to Andrew Jackson's Hermitage

Doug Wylie: Sitting around playing games (Mexican Train) and Nashville Hot Chicken from Scoreboard

Sheryl Wylie: Seeing and catching up with old friends

Joane Ermis: Going to the Parthenon

Tim Ebbers: Eating Nashville Hot Chicken from Scoreboard

Allison Ebbers: The camaraderie formed at an event like this and the food...from Naaman's Championship BBQ, BBKings, and Nashville Hot Chicken. Seriously need to try Nashville Hot Chicken!

Question: What did you least enjoy on this trip?

Dave Toy: I-40

Doug Wylie: Being left out of Region 9 Brunch

Sheryl Wylie: Don't like the WBCCI changes to electronic

Joane Ermis: The pouring rain combined with rough roads through Tennessee. (It really poured!!)

Tim Ebbers: Camping at the North Little Rock KOA because the sites were very tight that it was hard to pull out the trailer. People at this campground were really nice though...

Allison Ebbers: Mosquitoes at Tom Sawyer that cut our Mexican Train game short. (The mosquitoes were brutal!!)

Question: What did you enjoy the best at International (this includes sessions, vendors, and entertainment)?

Dave Toy: Ice Cream by Hears the Scoop

Doug Wylie: Region 9 get together/Whiskey tasting

Sheryl Wylie: Betty Dunn and SkyMed get together

Joane Ermis: Finding out about EasyStart and having Tim install it

Tim Ebbers: Solar presentation from 4thD Solar and Bill from Dexter Axles

Allison Ebbers: Thursday night's entertainment, Top Tier. Really good band!!

Question: What did you wish were part of this year's International that was in past Internationals?

Doug and Sheryl Wylie and Joane Ermis all had the same response: Missed the competition games between units such as Mexican Train, Balloon Volleyball, and Manipulation.

Since we (the Ebbers) and Dave Toy are first timers, we did not answer this question.

Hope you have found this interesting. I was not able to ask everyone from the THCU group who was at International the same questions because of time, for that I apologize. There were a more pictures that I was not able to post in this newsletter. For additional pictures, I will post them on the THCU Facebook page and on the Airstream Club website for our group. I will do this once I have a better, faster, and more reliable internet connection.





AUGUST

- 01 Michael Mann
- 02 Ed Michek
- 05 Tim Ebbers
- 18 Gary Kendrick
- 19 Zephyr Marek
- 28 Melanie Levin
- 31 Linda Shelton
- 31 Martha Butschek

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Shannon Wylie
- 17 Kyle Chandler
- 22 Carlos Fernandez

welcome

New members:

- April & Craig McDonald*
- Evette Maytum*
- Katherine Turner Mays & Oliver Wasser*
- Kellie & Flint Hughes*
- Marco & Graciela Hernandez*



- ⇒ 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 al-ly.ebbers@gmail.com and I will post on the next newsletter.



- Aug 14 Charlie Williams/Carol Wallace
- Aug 22 Myron & Kathryn Fischer
- Aug 24 Kyle & Kathryn Chandler
- Sep 04 Mark & Peggy Knox
- Sep 06 Warner & Gail Hord
- Sep 12 Bob & Jan Grimes



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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 would like to attend. The gracious hosts are Tom and Vicki Ketchum.

We all know Labor Day usually means "Back to School" after the summer off. But for Texas Airstreamers, it's Back To Camping!! So Join us for Back to ~~School~~ Camping Fun

Greater Houston Airstream Club
Back to ~~School~~ **Camping** Rally
September 2-6, 2021
Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV Park
2647 N Hwy 87, Fredericksburg TX
830-992-1237
Email: stay@thevineyardsrvpark.com

Back
To
CAMPING
School!

Hosts: Tom and Vick Ketchum, Email: vicketchum@gmail.com Cell: 812-322-6075
Fees: \$21 per person for meals (paid to GHAC) + \$45/nite for the RV site (Paid to RV Park).

Thursday (Sept 2, 2021) Arrival- Find the Host site, for a Goodie Bag

- ◇ 5:30 "What I Did on My Summer Vacation" Happy Hour, Bring snacks, drinks, chairs
- ◇ Share special places, cool campgrounds or fun stories from your summer. (PRIZES!)
- ◇ Dinner on your own - but we'll have a campfire at the pavilion if you want to grill

Friday (Sept 3, 2021)

- ◇ 8:00-9:30 Wake up - Coffee Time - in the Rally Room
- ◇ Explore Fredericksburg's history - check your goodie bag for ideas!
- ◇ Time TBD - We will be taking a guided tour of the Pioneer Museum (small fee)4
- ◇ 6:00 Dinner in Rally Room
- ◇ 8:00 Sock Hop - dancing, DJ (get your requests ready!), karaoke. (PRIZES!!)

Saturday (Sept 4, 2021)

- ◇ 8:00 - 9:30 Breakfast and Coffee in the Rally Room
- ◇ Shopping in Fredericksburg - Wineries, Breweries, Distilleries, Foodie Finds, Nostalgic Five n Dimes, Boutiques, Art Galleries, Home Decor
- ◇ 5:30 Show and Tell Tasting - In the Rally Room
 - * Bring something to drink or eat from your Fredericksburg exploration: wine, beer, jellies, spreads, dips you found. (there are a couple of terrific places in Fredericksburg where you can taste their goodies!)
- ◇ 6:30 Dinner - in the Rally Room
- ◇ 8:00 Games, Cards, Puzzles - In the Rally Room. Campfire at the Pavilion

Sunday (Sept 5, 2021)

- ◇ 8:00 - 9:30 Breakfast and Coffee in the Rally Room
- ◇ AM TBD Craft Time
- ◇ PM TBD Games in the field: Cornhole, Water Balloon Toss, Scavenger Hunt. (PRIZES!!)
- ◇ 5:00 Dinner in the Rally Room
- ◇ 7:30 ThrowBack Movie Night - with Popcorn and Ice Cream Treats

Monday (Sept 6, 2021) — Safe Travels - See you down the Road

The park is holding 20 sites for us, until **August 2nd**. To reserve:

- * Call the park directly (see above!) to reserve your space-tell them you are with the Greater Houston Airstream Club.
- * Register online for the rally by clicking here: <https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-2021-labor-day-rally>

THCU Rally Schedule 2021

Below is the 2021 Rally schedule for THCU. Items in **green** are Region 9 or International events. 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	
March	None planned	
April 13-18 Region 9	Mineola, TX Roaring 20s Theme	CANCELLED
April 29-May 2	Oakdale RV Resort & Motor Court Glenrose, TX	WagonMasters: Philip Vasquez and Luci DiGiorgio
May 13-16	Brazos Valley RV Park Caldwell, TX	WagonMasters: Doug and Sheryl Wylie and Joan Ermis
June 17-20	By the River RV Park and CG Buddy Rally Kerrville TX	WagonMasters: Dan and Zephyr Marek
July 17-24 International	Lebanon, TN	International Officers
September	Business Luncheon; location TBD	
September 2-6	Invitation to join the Greater Houston Airstream Club Labor Day Rally	Information in newsletter or contact Vicki Ketchum at email: vicketchum@gmail.com or cell: 812-322-6075
October	Gonzales or Rio Frio	If you would like to volunteer to be the Wagon Master please contact Phillip Vasquez
November	Installation rally; Hillsboro, TX	Unit officers
December	Holiday Luncheon; location TBD	

