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President's Message

Dear Hill Country Unit:

Winding up the year things look like they are catching momentum. We may be rounding the curve on this pandemic, and everyone is looking forward to getting out and about.

I will be ending my year in office and look back with accomplishment as we emerged from undercover adding many new members and being stronger than ever.

I would like to welcome Landyn and Michelle Hackebell from Comfort, Shelly and Tolley McCormick of San Antonio and Jeff and Merri England from Livingston. You are going to love our club!

As you know, we all had a chance to weigh in on a Mardi Gras rally which I proposed which won overwhelmingly. I wanted to identify a "iconic rally" centered on a fun weekend, which would attract our members who have not joined our club on the past recent rallies as well as attention to our club. Un like the New Orleans Mardi Gras Celebration, the

one in Galveston is still large celebration but it is controlled in a gated entertainment area patrolled by over 100 law enforcement officers and requires paid admission to access. Our airstreams will be lined up on both sides of Mechanic St. and on both side of the Historic Tremont Hotel. Over the weekend 10 parades will traverse between the rigs. What "iconic images" this will provide. We will be provided tickets to all the benefits of the entertainment district including two concerts over the weekend. No other vehicles will be allowed on the streets but our rigs and the parades. We will build in fun items into the rally fee as commemorative T-shirts, beads and extra night security.

The vote was urgent because timeline in getting a rally of this magnitude approved since it is scheduled for February and time was of the essence. It was the first time since I have been a THCU member that this club asked for ALL of our members to vote on a rally. One of our members who voted told me, "it was nice to be able to vote on a rally by secret ballot, without feeling peer pressure from certain club members who supported it or who was opposed to it." I encourage more of this type of voting.

I know that this is a different type of rally, but we are in a different era, with different members and different demographics. I feel this will make us a better club and attract more members.

"If you always do what is easy and choose the path of least resistance, you never step outside your comfort zone. Great things don't come from comfort zones."

- Roy Bennett

Another good thing is that this has gotten more people to offer more rallies, and that is great. We are a club capable of offering more than one rally a month because we have a lot more members than those who have attended past rallies. The number can be limitless.

I look forward to my tenure as Past President of the THCU and as your 2nd Vice President of Region 9.

Great things are yet to come.

Happy trails,

Philip Vasquez

October Rally in Pictures



Thursday night was potluck night. Good food and it was great to catch up with everyone.

Pictured above from left to right are: Doug Wylie, Dave Toy, Charlie Williams, Sheryl Wylie, Carol Wallace, Zephyr Marek, Eddie Eiland, Tim Ebbers and Jan Eiland.

Saturday night we all dressed up for a mini Halloween celebration. Pictured below is the group shot from that evening. Super fun!

Pictured below from left to right are: Eddie Eiland as the masked intruder, Dave Toy as the Trucker Ape, Jan Eiland as the Unicorn Lady, Carol Wallace and Charlie Williams getting ready to go to a Sock Hop, Sheryl Wylie as the Hairy Ballerina, Doug Wylie as the Skeleton Flasher, Yvonne and Ed Michek as the Bank Robbers, and Tim and Allison Ebbers as the Scarecrows.



October Rally in Pictures



Of course a Halloween party wouldn't be fun without the food. The Micheks provided the decorations to make it festive—complete with a punkin' head bread bowl dip (so good!).

(Below) Not sure if Dave Toy was raiding the sweets table early or laying out the yummy apple crisp.







October Rally in Pictures



October Meeting Minutes:

Meeting attendees were: Charlie Williams, Carol Wallace, Doug Wylie, Sheryl Wylie, Dave Toy, Jan Eiland, Eddie Eiland, Yvonne Michek, Ed Michek, Ally Ebbers, and Tim Ebbers

Charlie called the meeting to order and then turned it over to Doug Wylie for the election officers for 2022

President: Charlie Williams

1st VP: Doug Wylie 2nd VP: Jan Eiland

Corresponding and recording secretary: Carol Wallace

Treasurer: Zephyr Marek

Membership chairman: Bob Grimes

1 year director: Dave Toy and Dan Marek 2 year director: Joe Long and Ed Michek

Néwsletter editor: Ally Ebbers Web master: Tim Ebbers

*Officers were all elected by acclamation

Discussions:

- ⇒ Buddy rallies were decided they would be determined when a member has a buddy to invite.
- ⇒ Wagonmaster/Host duties:
 - Wagonmaster/Host for rallies have signed up for the 2022 rallies.
 - Need additional wagonmasters/hosts for 2022 rallies.
 - Places have been selected, hosts just need to plan weekend activities.
- ⇒ Items needed for future meetings:
 - 2 flag stands
 - ◆ 1 US flag
 - 1 Texas Flag
 - Philip has the Unit flag. Doug will call him about transferring it to the new president.
 - Doug made a motion that we buy what we need after we find out what we have.
- ⇒ Motion was made by Carol Wallace that we have a meeting Saturday mornings during rallies.
 - This motion was passed
- ⇒ December luncheon discussion: Consider restaurants in Marble Falls for the December 11, lunch meeting. Suggestions were the Flat Creek Restaurant in Marble Falls, 112 US 281, Marble Falls, (830) 637-7123, 2nd Saturday in December. Luncheon and gift exchange.
 - UPDATE: Both Flat Creek and River City Grille won't take reservations or is not large enough to accommodate a large group. Charlie is going to check Mas Fajitas for reservations.

Meeting closed 10:50



NOVEMBER

- 02 Rose Garr
- 08 Sheryl Wylie
- 11 Raisin Schwerdfeger
- 20 Jim Schwerdfeger

DECEMBER

- 12 Joe Long
- 13 Austin Lucas
- 22 Lois Muir
- 23 John Blackhall
- 27 Becky Blackhall
- 29 Yvonne Michek
- 30 Wayne Gosnell



New members:

Cheryl and Tolley McCormick Jeff and Merri Eklund **Landyn and Michelle Hackebeil Matt and Sierra Asbury**



Nov 24 Don & Myrtle Bell

Dec 28 Linda Esper & Mickey Finch

Dec 31 Wayne & Martha Gosnell

Dec 31 Michael & Bonnie Stanley





Lois Muir is recovering from a fractured vertebrae.

Dan Marek is recovering from a successful surgery.

Joe Long had surgery and is in the process of recovery



 \Rightarrow 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.



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TEXAS HILL COUNTRY UNIT NOVEMBER RALLY NORTH TEXAS AIRSTREAM COMMUNITY NTAC 200 WALNUT HILL AVE. UNIT # 1 HILLBORO, TEXAS 76645 254-582-5566 ntac@ntaci.com

Hosts: Doug and Sheryl Wylie. If going, please let Doug know ASAP at 210.602.5700. He is making the reservations at NTAC.

Thursday 11/18—Arrival day

- ♦ 4:30 pm Open Rally
- ♦ 5:00 pm Potluck. Each rig please bring food to share for dinner. Bring your own set ups.
- ♦ Visit and/or play games of choice after dinner

Friday 11/19

- ♦ Breakfast on your own
- ♦ Noon Lunch together
 - ⇒ After lunch free for sightseeing
- ♦ 5:00 pm Snacks and Happy Hour. Bring an hors d'oeuvres to share. Bring your own set ups.
- Visit and/or play games of choice

Saturday 11/20

- ♦ 10:00 am Meeting and Discussion
- ♦ Lunch on your own
- ♦ 5:00 pm Our units Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimming.
 - ⇒ Turkey and dressing will be supplied by Doug and Sheryl. Please let Doug and Sheryl know what you are bringing for a side so that not everyone brings the same thing.
 - ⇒ Bring your set ups for dinner
 - ⇒ Please dress nicely for dinner and installation of officers
- ♦ 7:00 pm Installation of Officers

Sunday 11/21

- ♦ 9:00 am Church Service. Make sure reck hall clean.
- ♦ ALL HAVE SAFE TRAVELS HOME.

Sightseeing ideas:

- ⇒ Roadside America Museum—212 E Elm St, Hillsboro, TX 76645-3323. Call to make reservations for a tour. 972.291.2958
- ⇒ Hill County Courthouse—1 N Waco St, Hillsboro, TX 76645-2145
- ⇒ Texas Heritage Museum—112 Lamar Hill College, Hillsboro, TX 76645
- ⇒ Texas Through Time—110 North Waco Street, Hillsboro, TX 76645 . Admission is Free. Open Tues-Sat 11 am-4 pm

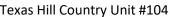
Shopping:

- ⇒ The Hillsboro Antique Mall—114 S Waco St, Hillsboro, TX 76645-3327
- ⇒ The Goodie Mill Mall—207 E Elm St, Hillsboro, TX 76645-3322

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.

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: vicketch- um@gmail.com or cell: 812-322-6075
October 14-17	Schulenburg RV Park 65 N Kessler Ave, Schulenburg, TX 78956 979-743-4388	Doug and Sheryl Wylie
November 18-21 Thanksgiving and Installation Rally	North Texas Airstream Club (NTAC) 200 WALNUT HILL AVE. UNIT # 1 HILLBORO, TEXAS 76645	Contact Doug Wylie if you plan to attend. Please let Doug Wylie know what you are brining as a side dish for THXGIVING dinner.
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	WBCCI Members: 20/day 30-amp or 23/day 50-amp
December 11	Holiday Luncheon @ Mas Fajitas 3010 Williams Dr #102, Georgetown, TX 78628	Cost is 16.98 per person including tea or coffee. Alcoholic beverages is extra.
	- 255. gato, 17. 70020	Please contact Charlie Williams (5126895314) ASAP if attending to get a head count.
		If you want to participate, bring a gift for the white elephant gift exchange.



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THCU Tentative Rally Schedule 2022

Below is the 2022 Rally schedule for THCU. Please consider volunteering to be a host for a rally. Three rallies are taken, BUT if you really would like to host one of the rallies taken please let us know and we will move it around. Also, if you would like to host a different rally, elsewhere let us know and we can add to the list. We are also being invited to other Units' rallies, which is usually posted in the email where the newsletter is attached. Those won't be listed below, but you can check airstreamclub.org for other Units' rallies. As always, please check with the hosts first before showing up.

Date	Location	Comments
January 13-16	Oakwood RV Park 78 FM 2093, Fredericksburg, TX 830-997-9817	Need wagonmasters
		Call to reserve your spot, \$47 per night if we get 10 rigs, otherwise \$57 per night
February 10-13	Top of the Hill RV Resort & Cab-	Need wagonmasters
	ins 12 Cedar Rd, Boerne, TX 830-537-3666	Call to reserve your spot, \$45 per night
March 10-13	Bay View RV Resort 5451 Hwy 35 North, Rockport, TX 78382	Hosts: Charlie Williams/Carol Wallace and Doug and Sheryl Wylie
	(361) 400-6000	Call to reserve your spot, \$45 per night—no credit cards (cash/check only)
April (TBD) Region 9	Region 9 Rally Mineola, TX	Region 9 officers
May 12-15	Skyline RV Park 2231 Hwy 16 N, Bandera, TX 830-796-4985	Need wagonmasters
		Call to reserve your spot, \$43 per night if we get 10 rigs, otherwise \$43 per night
June 09-12	Big Chief RV Park 1420 FM 690, Burnet, TX 512-793-4746	Need wagonmasters
		Call to reserve your spot, \$40 Thurs night and \$45 Fri & Sat night
July 23-29 International	Fryeburg, ME	International Officers
September 15-18	Brazos Valley RV Park 2190 TX-21, Caldwell, TX 979-200-3007	Need wagonmasters
		Call to reserve your spot, \$35 per night
October 13-16	Braunig Lake RV Resort 13550 Donop Rd., Elmendorf, TX 210-633-3170	Hosts: Charlie Williams/Carol Wallace and Doug and Sheryl Wylie
		Call to reserve your spot, \$35 per night
November 17-20 Thanksgiving and Installation rally	Schulenburg RV Park 65 N Kessler Ave, Schulenburg, TX 78956 979-743-4388	Hosts: Ed and Yvonne Michek and Tim and Allisor Ebbers
		Email Micheks/Ebbers if you plan to atten. Eachf night is \$35 per site
December	Holiday Luncheon; location TBD	

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