

President's Message

I want to thank everyone that came to the rally in Fredericksburg this past weekend with a special thanks to Zephyr and Dan for being wonderful hosts. A special welcome to Craig and Susan Fegley, our new members and to our guests, Larry and Linda Fagg from the Texas Gulf Coast Unit. We had lots of fun in Fredericksburg (pictures included in this newsletter). Lots of good food, fellowship, games and VERY cold weather. Played a couple of rounds of bean bag baseball with the bragging rights going to the men's team. I predict a rematch at the next rally. What do you think?

I was not organized like I should have been for the meeting and I hope to do better in the March rally in Rockport. I am new to this and I am learning. The meeting minutes are included later in this newsletter.

Hope to see everyone in Rockport. This rally is scheduled for March 10-13. Please call the park at (361) 400 6000 to make your reservations; let them know you are with the THCU Airstream Club. Keep in mind, they only accept cash, check, e-check, or money order. This is a very nice and large RV Resort in Rockport and should be a fun rally. Bring your bikes and walking shoes. Once you make your reservations, please let me or Doug Wylie know so that we can have a proper count

The rally in February has been canceled due to park issues and covid.

Lastly, welcome to our newest members Susan and Craig Fegley of Driftwood, TX, Teena and Mark Crawford of Glen Rose, TX, Peyton Harrington of Midland, TX, and affiliate member Myrtle and Don Bell of Austin, TX.

Hope to see ya'll in March! Sincerely,
Charlie Williams, President



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January Rally in Pictures

Attendees at this rally were Doug and Sheryl Wylie, Dave Toy, Dan and Zephyr Marek, Joan Ermis, Ed and Yvonne Michek, Craig and Susan Fegley, Larry and Linda Fagg, Charlie Williams and Carol Wallace.

Pictures below are from the lunch at Silver Creek.



There were several incidents at this rally which brought folks together helping each other. One such incident was when the Mareks experienced a blowout tire on their rig on the way to the rally. The group rallied together to help Dan get the tire off the rig to get replaced. Picture to the right shows the damage the blown tire caused. Check out the tire/wheel!!! Yowza!

Another incident was when Susan and Craig took their rig out of storage and incurred some dents. Dave Toy has a dent puller and pulled as many as he could.

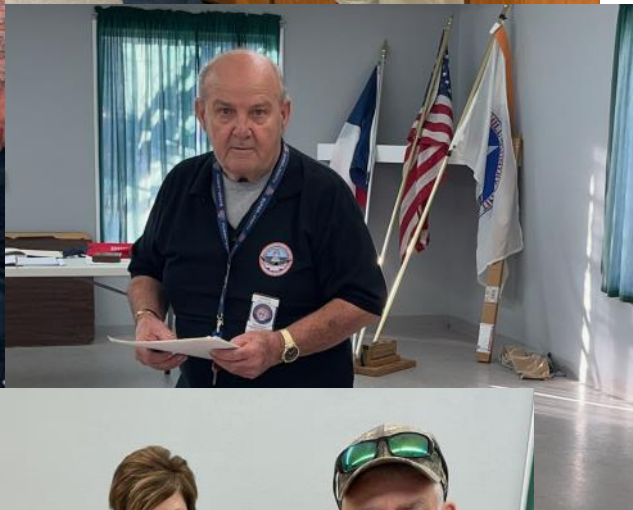
The last incident occurred on the last night when temps went down to the upper 20s (brrr!). Dave Toy lost power and spent the night without heat. Zoinks! ~~Brad Pitt~~ Ed Michek helped him out by identifying the issue which was resolved by installing new circuit breakers.



This takes the Airstream Club motto "We Rally Together" to such a wonderful plane.

January Rally in Pictures

Pictures below are from get togethers



Food & Fun with Friends



January Rally in Pictures

Pictures below are from the bean bag baseball game. Rematch for sure!



January Meeting Minutes:



Meeting attendees were: Doug and Sheryl Wylie, Craig and Susan Fegley, Dave Toy, Yvonne and Ed Michek, Zephyr and Dan Marek, Joane Ermis, Linda and Larry Fagg, Carol Wallace and Charlie Williams

Charlie called the meeting to order:

The minutes of the last rally were approved as posted in the newsletter. Zephyr read the treasurers report, it was accepted as read.

Old business: Yvonne Michek brought up the subject of the flags that was discussed at the November rally. Issue has been resolved. Phillip had brought the flags, Dave Toy had made a stand for them.

New business: Doug suggested that we put together a committee to contact members and new members before each rally to try to get more people to come. Zephyr suggested that instead of forming a committee that each member contact the members and new members in their area and personally invite them to the rally. Everyone agreed. Doug said he would take it upon himself to put together a list of new members.

Initiation of new members: Craig and Susan Fegley of Driftwood, Texas were initiated into the unit. Welcome Craig and Susan.

Charlie said the rally in Boerne has been canceled because of covid and also issues with the RV park. But the Mardi Gras rally is still on in Galveston in February.

Motion to adjourn was made by Zephyr and seconded by Ed. Meeting adjourned.



Member Spotlight—Meet Charlie Williams and Carol Wallace

I (Carol Wallace) was a second grade school teacher for 25 years, retired in 1996. I was fortunate enough to teach at the same elementary school (Barton Hills Elementary) in south Austin for my entire tenure. I have 2 children, Caren and Greg. 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandkids. I met Charlie almost 7 years ago at a dance hall and we have been together ever since. I have a very spoiled maltipoo named Mandie. Mandie loves the airstream. I love needlepoint, dancing and gardening. I also love to travel and have been to all but one state in the US (Michigan) although not all in the airstream. Hope to go there in our airstream someday.



Charlie has been a jack of all trades, but the last 16 years before he retired he drove a school bus. So we have a connection there. As I said we met at a dance hall. He is a terrific dancer. He has 2 sons, Lee and Rodney, 8 grandsons, 6 great grandchildren (3 boys and 3 girls) as of right now. He used to love to dance when he was able. He also loves to camp in our airstream, visiting with friends and listening to music.

We both love to watch old movies. We also love visiting with our friends.

We have a 2003 Classic, wide body airstream. We used to join the Texas Hill Country Unit in their rallies with an old SOB (Some Other Brand). After the rallies, we really wanted to join the Texas Hill Country Unit so we jumped at the opportunity to purchase this rig from a friend. We have no special plans to take any long trips for now, just rallies.

I know most of you know about our cat episode. But we have recovered from that and don't intend on doing anything more to our rig although, I would like to get new carpet some day.

**If you don't know about the cat episode, you can read the super short story in the April 2021 newsletter. This newsletter can be found in the Newsletter Archive in Airstreamclub.org.*



Member Spotlight—Meet Susan and Craig Fegley

Craig and I are first time Airstreamers and first time RV owners. My parents were Airstreamers so it is something I have always wanted to do and luckily Craig wanted to join the adventure.

Craig still works full time for JP Morgan Chase so we are going to be part timers for now. For now, we plan to do a weekend a month and perhaps a longer trip to cooler temperatures in the summer. I am a retired school teacher. We have four grown children and two 13 year old labs. We both love to play golf and we have a goal to play in every state at least once on our travels.

We purchased a pre owned 2019 Flying Cloud 27 FBT from a sweet couple in Huntsville. We originally planned to purchase a new trailer but with the production delays we decided to do pre owned so we could start our adventures now. :-)

The rally was fun and a learning experience for us since it was our first time RVing. We look forward to continuing to make lots of new friends!

Member Spotlight—Meet Yvonne and Ed Michek

We are both US Army Retirees (20+ years each). Ed was a Tank Master Gunner and Yvonne was a Korean Voice Interceptor in Military Intelligence. Currently we are both Government employees with Ed working as a Logistics Assistance Representative for Communication Electronics Command (CECOM) and Yvonne as a Regional Supervisor with the Army Recovery Care and Coordination Directorate (formerly the Army Wounded Warrior Program).

We have 4 adult (thank goodness) children and 6 Grandchildren (\$\$) from California to Ohio to Texas. We have a 6 month old Golden Retriever, Lucy, as well as 2 cats who adopted us over the last few years, Jet and Red.

Ed loves classic cars and all things mechanics. Yvonne likes to crosstitch and projects around the house. Both of us are looking forward to the next and final step to retirement to be able to spend time doing all of the above and take longer camping trips.



We have a 2020 16ft. Airstream Basecamp X (BCX) named Marvin. We chose it because it was small and towable by our jeep (though harder than expected so we use the truck instead). Frankly, we hadn't RV camped so weren't sure we were going to enjoy it as much as we have. Our trips are typically a long weekend and Marvin is great for exactly that. We love the absolute cozy feel of the inside. Some people think cozy is a fancy word for small. In this case, that's true but not in a negative way. Marvin has all of the amenities of a larger AS but in a compact size. The other great aspect of the Marvin is that we can carry our 2 12' kayaks inside when we want to get out on the water. One of the unexpected attributes, are the reactions from other people—both AS owners and others. Most can't believe that it has all the amenities that it has. Funny to watch. While we love its coziness, we will soon moving up to a 2022 Airstream 20 BCX. We'll still be able to carry our kayaks but also have a small extra bed for our granddaughter on the occasion she might join us. There really isn't anything about Marvin that needs improvement. We've never had any issues with its systems. Truly lucky in that regard.

Our most memorable trip thus far was in 2021 from Texas to Arizona to see the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest and everything in between. A close 2nd was our first THCU rally in 2020. We met some great people during that weekend and hopefully folks we'll be friends with for a very long time! We really enjoy the Airstream family feeling of the THCU group.

For our future trips, we are thinking of planning a trip thru the Bourbon trail in KY. Really haven't decided but any road trip will be great fun for sure!



*Note: Their basecamp 16X is for sale. If you are interested here's the link:

<https://www.rvtrader.com/listing/2020-Airstream-BASECAMP-X16-5019660964>



Recipe Corner—These two recipes were made by Zephyr Marek at the rally and sound delicious for sure!!

If you have any recipes you would like to share that is easily made on the road, please send them to me and I will get it published. I love to cook especially when camping or rallying and am always looking for easy things to make. Thank you Zephyr!

Biscuits & Gravy Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 pound sausage
- 1 ½ ounces of pork gravy mix (1 package of Pioneer brand Peppered Sausage Gravy Mix)
- 1 cup Cheddar Cheese, Shredded
- 6 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- Salt to taste
- Black Pepper to taste
- 1 can (8oz) biscuits (Pillsbury Grand Biscuits)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degree's. Take a 9X13 pan and spray it with Pam or what ever you use.
 2. Cut biscuits in to 1" pieces & line bottom of pan.
 3. Brown the sausage and scatter over the biscuits. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese.
 4. Whisk eggs and milk with a pinch of salt and pepper and pour them over the biscuits.
 5. Make gravy mix per package directions and pour over eggs. Bake in the oven for about 30-45 minutes.
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Crustless Quiche

Crustless Quiche Base Ingredients

- 6 eggs
- 1 cup milk (sometimes I use ½ cup milk and ½ cup half and half cream)
- 1 cup cheese (cheddar, swiss cheese or mozzarella)
- 2 tbsps parmesan cheese (optional)
- Salt & pepper to taste

1 cup additional ingredients (if mix-n-match make sure it equals 1 cup):

- Cubed ham or crumbled bacon
- Chopped broccoli
- Chopped tomatoes
- Sliced onions or green onions
- Chopped Spinach
- Chopped Asparagus
- Cooked cubed Potato

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
 2. In large bowl whisk together the milk, egg, cheese and salt & pepper
 3. Stir in any additional optional ingredients you wish
 4. Pour the egg mixture into a 9 inch pie pan, and bake uncovered for about 45 minutes. Or until the center is set, and not jiggly
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FEBRUARY

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welcome

New members:

- ⇒ Susan and Craig Fegley
- ⇒ Peyton Harrington
- ⇒ Teena and Mark Crawford
- ⇒ Myrtle and Don Bell
(affiliate members)



Jan 15 Cheryl and Tolley McCormick
 Feb 18 Lois Muir and Richard Fletcher
 Feb 19 Karen and Paul Mock



⇒ You will notice that there has been additional posts on the THCU Facebook group. Thank you to Yvonne Michek who has updated the page with the pictures from the most current rally. She also updated it with our upcoming events for our group. If you have rally or airstreaming pictures you would like to post, please do so. We would love to see you there too! If you would like me include a cool trip you did with pictures in the newsletter, send them over (to me) and I will include them. It would be awesome to see airstreaming ideas for trips or mods.

- ⇒ 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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THCU President: ncw123@aol.com
Facebook Page: Texas Hill Country Unit



THCU Rally Schedule 2022

Below is the 2022 Rally schedule for THCU. 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	Hosts: Charlie Williams & Carol Wallace 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-ins 12 Cedar Rd, Boerne, TX 830-537-3666	This rally has been cancelled.
February 17-20	Streamin' on the Strand Galveston, TX	Email Philip Vasquez at pdvasquez@outlook.com
March 10-13	Bay View RV Resort 5451 Hwy 35 North, Rockport, TX 78382 (361) 400-6000	Hosts: Charlie Williams & Carol Wallace and Doug & Sheryl Wylie Call to reserve your spot, \$45 per night—no credit cards (cash/check only). Let them know you are with the THCU Airstream Club.
April (TBD) Region 9	Region 9 Rally Mineola, TX	Region 9 officers
May 11-15	Skyline RV Park 2231 Hwy 16 N, Bandera, TX 830-796-4958	Hosts: Bob & Jan Grimes and Doug & Sheryl Wylie 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	Hosts: Dan and Zephyr Marek 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	Hosts: Dave Toy and Joane Ermis 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 & 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 & Yvonne Michek and Tim & Ally Ebbers Email Micheks/Ebbers if you plan to attend. Each night is \$35 per site
December	Holiday Luncheon; location TBD	

