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Saturday in Galveston was a windy day, 40 mph gusts.



President's Message

This is our second newsletter. So far so good, I think. I dreamt I was a muffler last night; I woke up exhausted. We need help hosting May and October rallies.

I want to stress that it is time to register for the Regional 9 rally in Mineola. It will be a great rally. Lots of fun, fellowship, food and some libations. Nancy Fitzgerald has been hot on her heels getting us back to enjoying this annual rally. I talk to her on a regular basis as this is approaching. Nancy and her crew are busy working, making sure it will be a great event. I urge you to join all the Texas and Oklahoma Airstreamers. It will be a fantastic way of meeting new people, and perhaps, old friends. [Click Here to register.](#)

In the last newsletter I talked about the growth of Airstream International, IBC changes and integrating the next generation of Airstreamers. My plan is to get more feedback from our club regarding what everyone enjoys currently and what might be good to add to our rallies and club activities. I will get to that soon. With work, house remodel, rallies, and Trout fest, I have been very limited on time. Yes, I still work full time, darn it. Thank goodness COVID is

slowing down (I'm a CEO and The Chief Medical Officer of an urgent care company with 80+ employees). Please feel free to send suggestions regarding questions I should ask in a survey.

This is just the beginning of a year that will hopefully be a very socially interactive year. We see all the "regulations" easing up with regards to social distancing and masks. Europe has started to go back to pre-COVID, if you have had the vaccinations or have had COVID. We will see how we proceed here in the States.

Did I mention we need help with hosting May and October rallies?

It's not the destination, but the journey.

Michael and Carrie Iversen



GHAC Valentines Rally Report February 10-13, 2022

By Barbara Mercer

It was a sunny afternoon when our Airstreams began arriving at the Galveston RV Resort and Marina on Thursday. By nightfall we had 12 Airstreams parked and ready to enjoy the weekend. Those attending included hosts and co-hosts, Jim and Barbara Mercer, Jim and Lisa Feine, Don and Helen Teegarden, and Rick and Tracy Elkins. Other GHAC members attending were Bruce Lee, John and Susan Sheridan, Jim and Mary Miller, Michael and Carrie Iversen, and new members Eric and Holly McMurphy. Vernon and Joletta Goodwin had arrived on Wednesday but unfortunately had to rush home to check on Vernon's dad, Vern, who had a health emergency. After Vern's issue was taken care of, Vernon and Jo were able to return Saturday afternoon for our evening meal and farewells on Sunday morning. We were all so concerned for Vern and wish him a speedy recovery. We also were pleased to welcome Reid and Kathy Westmoreland. They live in Bay City and are Affiliate members of GHAC and members of Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club. Other guests were Gene and Rana Camargo from Rockport. They are members of Heart of Texas Camping Unit.

After getting settled in and visiting a bit, on Thursday evening everyone went out to eat at one of Galveston's great restaurants. Several groups went to Mario's, Guido's, or Nick's. All reported some great food!

Friday morning a large group of us gathered at 10 AM outside the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum for a personally guided tour by one of our own! Vernon Goodwin had agreed to be our tour guide, but when he had to leave unexpectedly Jim Miller agreed to lead our group. Both Vernon and Jim Miller had work experience with offshore drilling. Jim did an excellent job of explaining how the equipment worked and also gave us an understanding of what life was like aboard a rig out in the Gulf. Who knew that our own Tracy Elkins was so knowledgeable of offshore drilling? She gave us a lot of information on the purpose and use of drilling mud and also explained a lot about the drill bits used to drill into the ocean bottom. It was a very interesting museum, but it was so much more meaningful when you have such excellent guides to lead you. In fact, one of the gentlemen who worked at the museum commented to me that he wished he could have followed along with us, as he was so impressed with the knowledge of our expert guides!

Most of us who took the tour ended up walking next door to Kathy's for a wonderful lunch. Others enjoyed their own adventures on the town. Later we were back at the RV park for Happy Hour and dinner. Since most of us will not be back in Galveston for Mardi Gras next weekend, we had a mini-Mardi Gras parade with our sweethearts throwing beads to their lovely ladies! For the evening meal we gathered under the building for grilling and shared side dishes. As usual we had some wonderful side dishes, and no one left hungry. The hosts provided brownies and ice cream.

Friday was beautiful weather, but a blustery Norther was predicted to blow in around noon on Saturday. Saturday morning, we awoke to a beautiful, sunny, still morning. We enjoyed our Crockpot Breakfast casserole, croissants, and fruit under the building. By noon the clouds were moving in followed by the gusting winds! The temperature dropped dramatically! No one could imagine eating under the building with the winds gusting up to 40 miles per hour. What to do??? Our President and First Lady came to the rescue. They rented a meeting room at the Holiday Inn Express on the Sea Wall so that we could enjoy our happy hour and dinner in warmth. Tracy whipped up some Martinis and Appletinis as part of our Happy Hour. Barbara heated up her vegetable beef soup, Lisa prepared the salad, and we had key lime pie for dessert. We were even able to have our Red, White, and Blue drawing. All had a great evening!

Back at the RV park, we all bundled up for the night with the winds shaking our trailers. Then by daylight the winds had calmed somewhat. Slowly we began to stir, say our farewells, and hook up to head home until our next adventure. Plan on joining the fun for the March Rally on March 10-13 at Lake Conroe/Houston KOA.







Barbara's Slow Cooker Overnight Breakfast Casserole

2 pkg breakfast sausage
1 medium red pepper
1 can green chilis
1 cup green onions
1 package diced hash browns—thawed
1 cup cheddar cheese
12 eggs
1 cup milk
1/8 tsp pepper
½ tsp salt

Cook sausage. In bowl combine green onions, bell pepper and chilis.

Spray 5 or 6 qt. crockpot with Pam

Layer 1/3 Hash browns, sausage, onion mixture, and cheese

Repeat 2 times.

In large bowl whisk eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour over casserole. Cover and cook for 7-8 hours or until thermometer reads 160 degrees.

Mike's Breakfast

Pour cereal in bowl, add milk. Pour coffee in cup, add sugar and stir... Enjoy! LOL

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Holly and Eric McMurphy

2016 Flying Cloud, BRN: 15220.

We recently moved to Sealy, TX from Tulsa, Oklahoma. We have been married for 28 years with 3 children. The oldest two are married and the third will graduate from the University of Oklahoma this May. We are both still working; Eric with Phillips66 as the Sales Manager for Aviation and Holly with Jim Norton Auto Group as a Data Analyst. We love to travel and have been camping for at least 25 years. When not camping you'll find us watching sports (Eric) and crafting (Holly). We are hoping to retire in the next 6-7 years so we can fully enjoy our love for traveling and camping.



Kathy and Reid Westmoreland.

2005 Classic, BRN 21680

Reid was born and raised in Bay City, Kathy in Aransas Pass, Texas. We married on 2-16-80 and have lived in Bay city since that time. We have been married for 42 years and have 2 boys, Bradley and Allen. We have 6 grandchildren. Reid retired from the STP Nuclear Plant in 2016 and has since been manager of the family ranch, Baer Ranch which has been in existence since 1863. Kathy is the Youth Leader for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Bay City. We enjoy traveling, especially following the Houston Astros, attending games at various stadiums. We both love to fish, garden and spend time with our family and friends. We spend time both in Bay City and at our house on the Colorado River in Matagorda. We enjoy entertaining others, especially feeding others well because Kathy loves to cook and bake!

Regional Rally

As you know, it has been planned for April in Mineola for the past 3 years. 3rd time is a charm – Nancy is assuring us she will keep COVID at bay!

Some of the things to come:

- The theme is “Let’s get together”
- Many activities are centered on doing things together
- Dutch oven cook off
- Possible golf tournament
- Margherita and taco night
- Different take on President’s ceremony
- Chili Cook off
- Black stone breakfast
- Pick up music

More to come from Regional

*******Rally sign up*******

Please don’t forget to sign up for all the rallies.

Also, very important, call the RV parks to reserve – many are booked through the end of the year. I get calls all the time to asked if to free up spots. They are constantly changing their deadlines to release RV spots. Don’t lose out!

Please Help us fill the Host and Co-Host positions for 2022

We need Hosts for Johnson Creek RV Resort in Ingram in May (Memorial Day)

We need Hosts for Lake Sommerville in October

GHAC Spring Rally
March 10-13, 2022
Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA
19785 Highway 105 West, Montgomery TX77356

Hosts: Tom and Caren Bundy; Cohosts: Rick and Laurie Vice. Alan and Bernadine Billard

To Register for the Rally:

1. Make your campground reservations directly with the KOA @ (936) 582-1200; let the staff know that you are with GHAC to receive the group discount
2. Register at [GHAC2022 March Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](https://www.gvac2022.com/march-rally) Rally fees of \$13/person will be paid with the online registration form.
 - a. Full refunds will be made for cancelations before March 4.
 - b. We are planning to tour the St Francis Wolf Sanctuary on Saturday, March 12 on the 11:00 AM Tour. The cost is \$14/person. If you want to join us, you need to register on line at: [Saint Francis Wolf Sanctuary](https://www.saintfranciswolfsanctuary.org/) The Wolf Sanctuary is located at: 6731 Pavlock Rd., Navasota, Tx 77868. Phone # 936-894-9653
3. Questions? contact Tom Bundy at 281-250-7644

Thursday March 10

Parking all day
5:00PM Happy Hour
6:00PM Dinner on your own

Friday March 11

Parking all day
5:00PM Happy Hour - appetizers Odd BRNs
6:00PM Dinner- Seafood Gumbo

Saturday March 12

7:00AM Early Coffee
8:00AM Breakfast – Breakfast Tacos – juice & fruit
10:15 AM - Depart for St. Francis Wolf Sanctuary for 11:00 tour
Note: If you would like to join the tour sign up online
at: <https://saintfranciswolfsanctuary.org/> The tour costs \$14/person and must be paid when you sign up. The sanctuary is located at: 6731 Pavlock Rd., Navasota, Tx 77868. Phone # 936-894-9653
5:00PM Happy Hour – appetizers Even BRNs
6:00PM Dinner provided by hosts

Sunday March 13

Safe travels home

| 2022 GHAC Rally Schedule | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|---------|
| Event | Date | Place | Address | Phone | | Host | Cohost |
| Annual Luncheon | 1/22/22 | | | | | | |
| Valentines Rally | 2/10-13/22 | Galveston RV resort | 6310 Heards Lane, Galveston | 409-744-2837 | | Mercer | Feine |
| GHAC Rally | 3/10-13/22 | Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA | 19785 SH-105, Montgomery | 936-582-1200 | | Bundy | Billard |
| GHAC Rally | 4/21-24/22 | Jamaica Beach RV Park | 7200 FM 3005, Galveston | 409-632-0200 | | Gardner | Evens |
| Region 9 Rally | 4/26-5/1/22 | | Mineola | | | | |
| Memorial Day Rally | 5/26-30/22 | Johnson Creek RV Resort | 4279 Junction Hwy, Ingram | 830-367-3300 | | | Feine |
| International | 7/22-29/22 | | Fryeburg, Maine | | | | |
| Labor Day Rally | 9/1-5/22 | Matagorda Bay RV and Nature Park | 6430 FM 2031, Matagorda | 979-863-7120 | | McAnulty | Vice |
| GHAC Rally | Oct 20-23 | Lake Somerville State Park Birch Cree | 14222 Park Rd 57, Somerville | 979-535-7763 | 512-389-8900 | | Billard |
| Buddy Rally | Nov 10-13 | Brazos Bend State Park | 21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville | 979-553-5102 | 512-389-8900 | Elkins | Schwarz |
| Christmas/Installation | 12/29-1/1/23 | Coushatta Recreation Ranch | 4029 Clay Ranch Ln, Bellville | 979-865-5897 | | | |

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

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
And, the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Please keep the following club members in your prayers:

Vern Goodwin, Jr, who recently had gall bladder surgery and is recuperating in a rehab facility. Jo Goodwin who is doing well after recent cataract surgery.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| March 3, 1979 | Roxane and Richard Graff |
| March 6, 1999 | Jennifer and Rick Cary |
| March 9, 2013 | Shareece and Peter Dumont |
| March 9, 1996 | Jo Ann and Jim Shults |
| March 12, 2011 | Sherry and Jason Goodwin |
| March 14, 1980 | Kathryn and Ron Bautsch |
| March 17, 2020 | Brittany and Brett Buckley |
| March 17, 1979 | Caren and Tom Bundy |
| March 19, 1993 | Lisa and James Feine |
| March 21, 2006 | Sofia and Bill Smythe |
| March 23, 1979 | Pamela and Gary Alley |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 1 Stephen Couch
March 8 Ron Bautsch
March 9 Jim Parry
March 12 James Wanja
March 13 Jerry Lyddon
Kay Neichoy
March 14 Linda Ford
Dell Jones
March 16 Chris Buckley
Jose Melgares
March 17 Gary Alley
March 21 Jerry Goodwin
March 24 Ron Bernucho
March 26 LeAnn Hill
March 27 Red Childers
Jim Glover
March 28 Paul Evens
March 29 Jim Goodwin
March 31 Vernon Goodwin III

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Justin Hargadine

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!



GHAC Mentoring

A mentoring program can help retain members, increase participation, improve member satisfaction and reinforce safe RV practices. Many new Airstream owners join the Wally Byam Caravan Club so they can socialize with experienced Airstreamers and learn the skills of Airstream travel.

Mentoring is designed to help new members rapidly become a comfortable part of the group; otherwise, experience shows many will feel disconnected, somewhat unwelcome, and may eventually drift away.

A primary role of a mentor is to help the new member feel welcome and become knowledgeable about all events and activities. A first step for the mentor is to listen to the new member to find out their interests, expectations of the club, and their past RV experience.

When a new member joins the unit, the membership chair:

- Has a conversation with the new member to explain the mentoring program
- Collects enough information to get an idea of which experienced member might be a good match for the mentor relationship. For example, the chair might look for mentor and new member matches based on geography, profession, Airstream model or other common interests.

Most conversations will probably evolve from at least three themes: **Social, organizational and technical.**

Mentorship Examples

Social

- Explain the details of the rally. Invite them to join you at meals and other functions and activities.
- Explain how the happy hour works with the snacks. Escort the new member to their first couple of happy hours so they know the when, where, and what of the social hour

Organizational

- Talk about the website and make sure the new member has the website address (where they can access the newsletter).
- Explain the process of advance reservations and rallies. Ensure they have the dates and locations for upcoming rallies. Point out the reservation deadline.

Technical

- Tell the new Airstreamer about the “maintenance” section on the WBCCI website, which has dozens of good articles on technical basics.
- Talk about the importance of safety and demonstrate it in your own conduct.

Our club is blessed to have significant experience and knowledge in each of these 3 areas. Members serving as mentors offer new members a great opportunity for quickly sharing and enhancing their club involvement and enjoyment.

All members will remember what it was like to be the “Newbie” where you don’t know many members or how to fit in with activities or events. Mentors assist in eliminating the “Newbie” feeling quickly, by answering questions, introducing members and making sure new members are informed of club activities including how to join in and enjoy. Member and Mentor both will receive benefits from sharing this experience.

Anyone wishing to learn more about how to become a mentor, or you are a current member and desire to have a mentor assigned to work with you please contact Dan (maison1306@gmail.com) or Rick Elkins (rick112851@gmail.com) for additional details and guidance.

Most important, be of good cheer and have fun!

Greater Houston Airstream Club 2021 Unit Officers

Unit Officers:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| President | Michael Iversen | 8621 |
| 1 st Vice President | Dan McAnulty | 2162 |
| 2 nd Vice President | Rick Elkins | 9713 |
| 3 rd Vice President | Jim Goodwin | 11858 |
| Recording Secretary | Maria McAnulty | 2162 |
| Corresponding Secretary | Carrie Iversen | 8621 |
| Treasurer | Jerry Lyddon | 7746 |
| Assistant Treasurer | Caren Bundy | 2835 |
| Trustee 2 Years | Debbie Pfunder | 2646 |
| Trustee 2 Years | Daniel Schwarz | 5404 |
| Trustee 1 Year | Jose Melgares | 7049 |
| Trustee 1 Year | Jerry Goodwin | 1131 |
| Parliamentarian | Joanne Miller | 212 |
| Immediate Past President | Bruce Lee | 5461 |

Committee Chairpersons:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Caravan | John Sheridan | 1326 |
| Constitution & Bylaws | Bruce Lee | 5461 |
| Crafts & Projects | Carol Goodwin | 1131 |
| Directory Editor | Tracy Elkins | 9713 |
| Electronics Communications | Tom Bundy | 2835 |
| Historical | Vernon Goodwin, Jr. | 131 |
| Membership | Tracy Elkins | 9713 |
| Mentorship | Rick Elkins | 9713 |
| Newsletter Editor | Michael & Carrie Iversen | 8621 |

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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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!**