



COYOTE TALES



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Presenting a \$1000 check to [Team RWB](#): Jose Rodriguez, Houston Lead; Bruce Lee; Guada Moreno, State Coordinator; and Tom Bundy, at the January Luncheon at Landry's in the Woodlands.



President's Message

This is our first newsletter. Carrie and I will be collaborating on this. It seems like we are entering a time loop with all this COVID. Alpha, Delta. Omicron (BA.1) and now Stealth Omicron (BA.2). The good news is the last two iterations of COVID are relatively benign. That gives us hope for a socially interactive year.

Jerry showed me a graph of the general Airstream club membership, and it was very encouraging. We are back to about 9000 members from a low of 5754 in 2012. The last time it was at 9000 members was in 2001. We can study other business and organizations about the importance of being current and relevant to the next generation of members while still be sensitive to legacy members. The question is how we do this. Churches just have two services. We can't have two different rallies, agendas, dress codes, etc. I think it is important to respect people's likes and tastes as you would in musical styles within a family. I will attempt to survey our current membership. I will send out a questionnaire to the GHAC membership asking what folks like and what they would like to see happening. The good news is food is universal; we all like good food. Some people don't enjoy dressing up. This was a much talked about subject at the international rally on the sidelines; you really saw and heard this as the local club presidents walked in with their flags on the first day at the international rally, which had a variety of attire. I know I wore a jacket and tie for the installation and luncheon, I would have been happy wearing jeans and a polo or such. I did get replies from members who opted not to attend the luncheon because they did not want to get "dressed up". So, there is that elephant starting to enter the room. Again, our purpose is fellowship as Don Teegarden mention, which I agree with.



That was the reason Carrie and I joined.

IBC has new things to vote on, on all these points. More to come.

Rick Elkins and Dan McAnulty would like to head up a new member mentoring program. We hope to find ways to reach the next generation of Airstreamers.

The January luncheon was well attended by 37 members. Landry's provided a great venue for this with good food and a fabulous dessert. It was a great time for fellowship. Announcements were made, meeting new and familiar faces and possibly a few tall tales were mixed in as well.







It's not the destination, but the journey.
Michael and Carrie Iversen



We honored several members with milestone stars:

WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB

50 Years

Danny & Till Brown #1002

40 Years

Jim Parry #7670

25 Years

Bill & Joanne Miller #212

20 Years

Alan & Bernadine Billard #7707
 Bill & Barbara Dodson #7316
 Dan & Maria McAnulty #2162
 Dan & Rose Nugteren #7091
 Lyle & Peggy Snow #7358

15 Years

John & Mary Ann Boerner #4548

10 Years

Jack & Autumn Isbell #5513
 David Rightmyer, Jr #7131

5 Years

Chuck Bracht & Cheryl Verlander #5371
 Lee & Christina Jordan #7084
 Ken & Lia Laney #13959
 Bruce Lee & Leslie Spilman #5461



We are pleased to present you with your five (5) year star as members of the Wally Byam Airstream Club. If this is your first star, fifth star or your eighth star, you're an important part of what makes this club what it is today, a family of friends to enjoy the camaraderie of outdoor adventure.



Display of stars can be placed aside the club decal on the front and rear of your Airstream. To install your stars measure 2" from the edge of your emblem, this is your center of the first star. 4 1/2" from the edge to the center of the star for the 2nd star and 6 1/2" for the edge for the 3rd star. A little soapy water sprayed on the surface will let the stars slip into position. Squeegee excess water out using an old credit card or squeegee



[Team RWB](#) is a charity we support at our rallies. It a fun event where we raffle for various fun items donated. It will also be supported at our regional rally in April in Mineola. Their mission is:

Team Red, White & Blue is the antidote to the isolation and health challenges they face. By forging America’s leading health and wellness community for veterans, service members, and their families, we strive to make tomorrow better. Together, we will find strength and success.



Jim and Jo Ann Shults

Jim and Jo Ann have been members for 5 years. It was the first time we have seen them at one of our club functions. They will be attending the Mardi Gras rally.



Chris and Lana Dalston

New members attending their first luncheon. Chris and Lana will be on our Fryeburg caravan

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Rick & Christina Kanis - BRN 7601 - Affiliate Members from Churubusco, IN with a vintage 1968 International Overlander
- James & Selena Hodges - BRN 14441 - Affiliate Members from Houston with a 2016 Flying Cloud
- Ann Lai & Jeff Cowell - BRN 8818 - Mentioned in the December Newsletter - New Member from Houston with a 2018 International
- Eric & Holly McMurphy - BRN 15220 - Mentioned in the December Newsletter - New Member from Houston with a 2016 Flying Cloud
- Kirk Wells - BRN 21007 - New Member from Fulshear with a 2022 Globetrotter

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
- Margarita 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!

GHAC Valentines Rally
February 10-13, 2022
Galveston RV Resort and Marina
6310 Heards Lane, Galveston, TX 77551
Phone: 409-744-2837
Hosts: Jim and Barbara Mercer

Reservations for the parking should be made directly with Galveston RV Resort and Marina. Please tell them you are with the GHAC Rally when you call (409) 744-2837 to reserve your spot. **Deadline to register with the park is January 28, 2022.**

- Thursday, Feb. 10 Early Arrivals: Explore the island on your own. Dinner on your own.
- Friday, Feb. 11 8:30 AM – Coffee and donuts in rally room (At this time the rally room is not completed. If it is not completed, all meals will be in the covered area below.)
Enjoy a fun day exploring Galveston on your own or with friends. Brochures and pamphlets are available with suggestions.
- 5:00 PM – Happy Hour: Odd number rigs bring appetizer to share.
- 6:00 PM – Dinner
Bring your own meat to grill and a side to share. Hosts will provide dessert.
Bring plates, eating utensils, and drinks to all meals.
- Saturday, Feb. 12 8:30 AM – Breakfast and coffee provided by hosts. Bring plates, eating utensils, and drink if you want other than coffee.
Day on your own for exploring or shopping. Lunch on your own.
- 5:00 PM – Happy Hour: Even number rigs bring an appetizer to share.
- 6:00 PM – Dinner: Hosts will provide soup, salad, and dessert. Bring bowls, eating utensils, and drinks.
- Sunday, February 13 8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast provided by hosts.
9:00 AM – Thoughts for the Road
Departure

Be sure to check back for updates to this rally flyer. Plans may change with more indoor activities, etc. if the completion of the rally room is confirmed.

Remember that your registration and payment of rally fees are now done online at our GHAC website: [GHAC 2022 February Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](http://GHAC2022FebruaryRally|ACI(airstreamclub.org))

The Rally Fee for this rally will be \$12.00 per person.

Call the RV park to make your reservations for the park at (409) 744-2837 and tell them you are with the GHAC Rally.

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

<u>2022 GHAC Rally Schedule</u>							
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			Billard
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			Vice
GHAC Rally	10/13-16/22	Lake Somerville State Park	14222 Park Rd 57, Somerville	979-535-7763	512-389-8900		Billard
Buddy Rally	11/17-20/22	Brazos Bend State Park	21901 FM 762 Rd, Needville	979-553-5102	512-389-8900		Schwarz
Christmas/Installation	12/29-1/1/23	Coushatta Recreation Ranch	4029 Clay Ranch Ln, Bellville	979-865-5897			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 1 Tim Bashor
 Feb 2 K. D. Couch
 Charles O'Donnell
 Feb 3 Bill Smythe
 Feb 7 Debbie Pfunder
 Feb 8 Larry Ford
 Feb 12 Irene Lyddon
 Feb 13 Autumn Laughrun
 Feb 14 Bernadine Billard
 Feb 23 Clark Gardner
 Christina Kanis
 Feb 25 Beverly Williams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Feb 13, 1999 Daniel & Lisa Schwarz
 Feb 16, 1980 Reid & Kathy Westmoreland
 Feb 20, 1957 Red & Nancy Childers
 Feb 26, 1982 Alan & Bernadine Billard

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

A VALENTINE

Frost flowers on the window glass,
Hopping chickadees that pass,
Bare old elms that bend and sway,
Pussy willows soft and gray.
Silver clouds across the sky,
Lacy snowflakes flitting by,
Icicles like fringe in line
That is the outdoors's Valentine.
-BlackCat65, iSLCollective

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

MEMBER CONCERNS

Please keep the following club members in your prayers:

Valerie Melgares as she continues to recover from an accident that happened on vacation. Several of our members who are recovering from the Corona virus.



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:

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
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Trustee 2 Years	Daniel Schqarz	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:

Caravan	Bruce Lee	5461
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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SERVICE

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713-910-2949



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!**