



# COYOTE TALES



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Saturday's Activities



## President's Message

We did really well raising money for the RWB. We had a grand price again at the end. The grand price went to the one with the most tickets at the end when the last rig was drawn. This is the stack built up after being repeatedly drawn after already winning a price. More ticket will get you a better chance to get the grand price! Vernon is still learning; he wanted the grand price when his number was called. He looked rather sad. He only had one ticket in his stack. The Billard's won with 8 tickets in their stack.

Karen Fisher, our 3<sup>rd</sup> international VP attended our rally leading up to the regional rally. It was nice to visit with her and her husband, Wally Kimmel. She enlightened us on the upcoming vote on the proposed EC restructure.

Carrie and I are sad that we could not attend the Region 9 rally. After having lived in our Airstream for 10 months during our remodel, the CZone died on us the day before moving into our house. When that happens, you cannot control anything in the Airstream. Thank goodness it was left on AC. You cannot see your tank levels, control the AC or fans, see your warnings or any other critical info. We were able to get it into Bob Jones for warranty repairs after much pleading with the "Mother Ship". It should be repaired before our Caravan to Maine, but it is on the fence for May. It really depends on parts supply. While there, we will get all ongoing issues resolved. After almost 2 years, 14 months use time and 12,000 miles, the "kinks" should be worked out, we hope.

We welcomed a new member, David Rice, to the April rally. His wife, li, had a large project to finish and could not join. He joined June 2021. He has a 27 foot FC. We got a brief visit from Michael and Trevina Champion.

Remember:

Signing up on [Jotform May rally](#) from the GHAC website is how you pay your rally fees (meaning mostly meals). [Calling](#) the RV Park and registering there is how you pay the RV Park.

Last minute update. Matagorda RV Park has not honored their commitment for the Labor Day rally. Carrie, Dan and Maria are tentatively setting up the September rally for a different weekend, before or after Labor Day, at the Conroe KOA. Stay tuned.

Did I mention we need help with hosting the October?

It's not the destination, but the journey.

Michael and Carrie Iversen





**Karen & Wally**



**Crafts**



**Clark, Bruce and new member David Rice**



**Jo giving out Kite Flying Awards**



**Ashley Billard, Grand Champion Kite Flyer**



**Michael & Trevina Champion**



**Our Host, Debbie and Clark**

## Jamacia Beach RV Resort Galveston, TX

We had a great time at the April rally at Jamaica Beach RV Resort. The majority of the attendees arrived Thursday, April 21, and at least one AS'er arrived the weekend before.

Before we get into the activities of the weekend, I would like to mention that Natalie Garrett and Paul Evens were to co-host with Clark and Debbie but had to leave the country for Natalie to be with her mother. As most of you know by now, her mother passed. We offer our sincere condolences to Natalie and her family and wish them comfort in their time of sorrow.

The group convened at the Taroni's campsite to hold a happy hour and for everyone to meet and introduce themselves to our guests and new member. Members that attended the rally were Valerie and Jose Melgares, who arrived earlier in the week to spend time with their granddaughter. Also attending was, Alan, Bernadine and Ashley Billard, Maria and Dan McAnulty, Lisa and James Feine, Virginia and Tom Taroni, Jim Miller, Virginia and Ron Lange, David Rice, Carol and Jerry Goodwin, Michael and Trevina Champion, Jo and Vernon Goodwin, Stanley Schwenke (SkyMed), Jerry and Irene Lyddon, Holly and Eric McMurphy, Laurie and Rick Vice, Bruce Lee, Karen Fisher and Wally Kimmel and their daughter (guests), Debbie Pfunder and Clark Gardner and Michael and Carrie Iversen.

Friday morning started out with Stan Schwenke providing breakfast and a presentation on SkyMed and the service they provide to the traveling public. He had a drawing for a week-long resort vacation and Debbie and Clark were the lucky winners! Thank you, Stan, for the breakfast and the drawing. After breakfast, everyone had the day to enjoy themselves at doing whatever they wanted to do. At 2 pm, Carol Goodwin led a group of ladies in the rally room for conversation and crafts that they brought from home. Happy hour began at 5:00 pm and a taco dinner followed at 6. Before dinner Karen Fisher, 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president of AS Int'l, introduced herself to the group and took any questions that the members might have regarding AS Int'l.

Saturday morning after coffee and donuts, Vernon Goodwin organized a kite flying activity on the beach and even provided kites for those that didn't have one. What great fun for those that participated, even if you couldn't get your kite in the air. There was some of us who cheered on those who were successful in flying their kite and those that wanted to fly them in gale force winds. I may be exaggerating a little about the wind, but not by much. We had Happy Hour at 5 pm and Chicken Tetrazzini for dinner. Carrie and Michael had a great table of door prizes for the RED, WHITE & BLUE fundraiser and we heard that we were able to raise \$100 for this very worthy cause. We had surprise guests for dinner, Jamie and George Nixon were in Galveston visiting their granddaughter for the weekend and popped in to say hello. We were very happy to see them!

Last but not least, Jo Goodwin handed out awards for performance or lack thereof in our kite flying activity. Listed below are the very deserving recipients of the Kite Flying awards.

- The best attempt to fly their kite - Jim & Lisa Feine
- Best dance to avoid getting tangled in another kite string - Debbie Pfunder
- Best failure with the power lines - Vernon Goodwin
- Longest lasting delta flight (despite it being in tatters) - Bruce Lee
- Longest flight while sitting in a beach chair - Karen Fisher
- Best traditional diamond shape kite flight - Stan Schwenke
- Highest flyer - Jerry Goodwin

- Longest and most graceful butterfly kite - Ashley Billard

Sunday morning, we had donuts and coffee before heading out. April rally down and the May rally in Ingram to go!

The hosts would like to thank Lisa and James Feine, Maria and Dan McAnulty and Ashley, Bernadine and Alan Billard for helping them prepare the meals. It was greatly appreciated. They would also like to thank everyone that volunteered to help as well. As someone said, "that's what Airstreamer's do".



# Johnson Creek RV Resort Memorial Day Rally



**Thursday, May 26th**

12-Noon All Afternoon Parking - *Fun Fact: Campground was once a Pecan Orchard*  
Find Hosts' Trailers for Goody Bags & Restaurant Suggestions  
Dinner in Small Groups at local Restaurants



**Friday, May 27th**



8 am Breakfast Breads, Fruit, Coffee/Juice/Milk at Clubhouse  
10 am Stonehenge II/HCAF-Water Color Show-120 Point Theater Rd S, Ingram  
4 pm Fishing Casting Contest - Bring or Borrow Pole - How accurate are you?



5 pm Happy Hour - Bring your Drink and Appetizer to share  
6 pm Grilling Burgers & Dogs, Chips, Dessert & Games- Clubhouse



**Saturday, May 28th**

8 am Breakfast Tacos, Fruit Coffee/Juice/Milk at Rally Room  
10 am GHAC Business Meeting - Board & Membership  
12 pm Explore Kerrville-Folk Festival, Museums: James Avery, Western Art, River Trails  
4 pm Sewer Hose Toss & Corn Hole Challenge - How far can you throw?  
5 pm Happy Hour - Bring your Drink - Odd Rigs provide Appetizers  
6 pm Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Baked Beans & RWB Raffle/Games-Clubhouse



**Sunday, May 29th**

8 am Devotional & Biscuits & Sausage Gravy w/Coffee/Juice Milk-Clubhouse  
10 am Honorary Memorial followed by Golf Putting Challenge  
12 pm Build your Own Sub Sandwich with Chips at the Clubhouse  
5 pm Happy Hour - Bring your Drink - Even Rigs provide Appetizers  
6 pm Taco Salad / Games-Clubhouse - Offsite: Battle of Church Bands



**Monday, May 30th**

8 am Continental Breakfast at Clubhouse  
11 am Check Out Time - See ya down the road!



**\*\*\*\*\*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 Lake Sommerville in October**

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		Elkins	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](https://airstreamclub.org) gives you access to your members only section by clicking on login in the upper righthand corner.





# GHAC Mentoring

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.

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](mailto:maison1306@gmail.com)) or Rick Elkins ([rick112851@gmail.com](mailto:rick112851@gmail.com)) for additional details and guidance.

**Most important, be of good cheer and have fun!**

## THE SUNSHINE CORNER

By Carol Goodwin

**“When April steps aside for May,  
Like diamonds all the rain-drops glisten;  
Fresh violets open every day:  
To some new bird each hour we listen.”  
-Lucy Larcom**

## MEMBER CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Vern Goodwin, Jr.

Natalie Garrett who recently lost her mother.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Patti & Denis Blanchet	May 1, 1993
Carol & Jerry Goodwin	May 4, 1980
Terry & John Fuselier	May 5, 1977
Debbie Pfunder & Clark Gardner	May 6, 2008
Cheryl Verlander & Chuck Bracht	May 9, 1997
Virginia & Tom Taroni	May 13, 1972
Renee & Chris Carantza	May 15, 2015
Cherie & Adam Mathews	May 16, 1987
Marya & Bruce Barefoot	May 17, 1986
Susan & John Sheridan	May 18, 1974
Susan & Tom Raia	May 18, 1991
Susan & Larry Meeks	May 20, 1978
Nancy & Duke Fleshman	May 21, 1983
Lia & Ken Laney	May 21, 2012
Janice & Ron Lange	May 22, 1971
Vicki & Tom Ketchum	May 25, 2005
Laurie & Rick Vice	May 29, 2010

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Michael Champion	May 4
Tom Harris	May 15
George Nixon	May 18
Marya Barefoot	May 20
Dave Rightmyer	May 23
Bill Hamilton	May 25
Jack Isbell	May 25
Jody Bashor	May 27
Danny Brown	May 28
Daniel Schwarz	May 31

## NEW MEMBERS

Amy & Michael De La Mora  
Carla & Alfred Hicks

**Greater Houston Airstream Club  
2021 Unit Officers**

**Unit Officers:**

President	Michael Iversen	8621
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Dan McAnulty	2162
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Rick Elkins	9713
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President		
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:**

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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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!**