

President's Message

We had 16 attend the August luncheon in Lockhart this last Saturday. Those attending were Jim and Raisin Shwerdfeger, Dave Toy and (guest) Mary Hunter, Craig and Susan Fegley, Pat and Mike Green, Doug, Sheryl and Shannon Wylie, Greg and Molly Wallace (Carol's son and daughter-in-law), Caren Wendt (Carol's daughter), Carol and I. Good food. Thanks to all who came, we had a good time visiting.

Our next rally is September 15 -18 at the Brazos Valley RV Park. We had reserved nine spots, and all our spots have been reserved. If you would like to go, please call the park for availability. If there is no availability, there are a couple of parks that may have space such as [Pecan Haven RV Campground](#) (10 miles from Brazos Valley RV Park) or [Hardy's Landing RV Park](#) (14.1 miles from Brazos Valley RV Park). Neither park will have a group discount, but ask for other discounts, such as TACO, AARP, Military, etc, to get a lower rate. The schedule for the rally is on a latter page in this newsletter and if you do decide to join us in September, but are staying in another nearby park you are welcome to join any of our group activity. If you do want to go, I would recommend making your reservations sooner than later since there is an A&M game that weekend and it will be a busy one. If you do get a reservation at another park and are planning on joining us in the group activities, please let the hosts know (Joane Ermis—joanermis@hotmail.com or Dave Toy—dadtoytexas@gmail.com) so that they can have an accurate head count when planning this rally.

I am also going to start calling around to some of the RV Parks near Georgetown, TX to see if I can get one closer to (our) home for the October rally. The original plan is to go to Braunig Lake near San Antonio. I was relying on Doug who was a co-host to assist with activities and planning in the area, but he is unable to help at this time. I'm going to try to find one that I am more familiar with for the October rally. If there is anyone who has made reservations for the October rally at Braunig Lake, please let me know as soon as possible. If you would like to co-host this rally with me, please let me know.

We need officers for next year! Please review page 8 for the officers we need for 2023 and the duties. If you are interested in serving or have any questions regarding the duties of the officers, please let me (ncw123@aol.com) or Zephyr Marek (faye_marek@yahoo.com) know ASAP.

There were so many new members since the last newsletter. A hearty welcome to the following new members: Ashley Sherman, Edward Whittle, Gerald and Theresa Davis, Joel and Michele Abad, Tracey Davies, Craig Washington (affiliate member), Jenny Pye, Katy and Cal Bonugli, and Eric Starnes. Hope to see you at a rally soon!

I am sure looking forward to our September rally. Joane sent us the itinerary for the September rally and she has done a great job and looks to be great fun.



Yours truly,
Charlie L. Williams
President, Texas Hill Country Unit
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Meet Jerry and Theresa Davis

Theresa and I have been retired since the beginning of 2019. She was a director with Healthtronics and I was the CEO of Austin Goodwill. We moved to Austin from Ohio in 1998. Theresa is a first gen American by way of the Netherlands, and Jerry is an Air Force brat and lived all over the world. We have two grown kids and five grandchildren living a few miles away, so we are always busy with them. We are lovers of Border Collies, and Kayla, a red merle variety, travels with us all the time. We both love gardening, reading, hiking and especially traveling.

When COVID hit and all of our retirement trips got cancelled, we thought we were ever so clever getting a travel trailer. Who else would think of that? We've both tent camped, did pop-ups, and now wanted something with a bed and a bathroom as verified wimps! We were always attracted to Airstreams but had to examine everything out there first hand before we decided to go for it and order one. Our FC23FB fits us and the pooch quite well, and we wanted it small enough to get us into national park spots. We got it rigged with 600 aH lithium batteries and solar so we could boondock at NPs too, since many don't have hookups. We have about 40 NPs left to visit. We also got the Propride hitch since swaying wasn't much fun early on; 10 minutes on YouTube disasters did it for us.



Our best trip so far was a circle route including 5 national parks but an extended stay close to the rim of the Grand Canyon. Unbelievable, waking up to that. We're looking forward to circling out in California to see the Redwoods some day, but next week we'll be heading to the Grand Tetons and Yosemite. We're looking forward to some trips with the club and the national event, too. Glad to be a part of the best Club!

Meet Jarod Hogan

I'm the proud owner of "Stella Intellectus," a 2018 Bambi acquired in June. The Bambi has been the ideal size for us as a home-away-from-home, allowing for nimble navigation in urban areas and quick setup/break down at camp.



Tyler State Park, Site 11

While having been a 9-5 (plus) corporate worker, I now have the chance to live, work, and play where we wish. With twenty years of progressive leadership experience in for-profit, non-profit, and government organizations, I worked for an organization that met its demise through bankruptcy in 2020. While challenging, it allowed me to start my own company ([Hadrian Technology Advisory](#)) which is focused on improving corporate technology and processes. I also consult entities through the turnaround/wind-down process around the world through an east coast firm. Both allow me to work remotely 100% of the time.

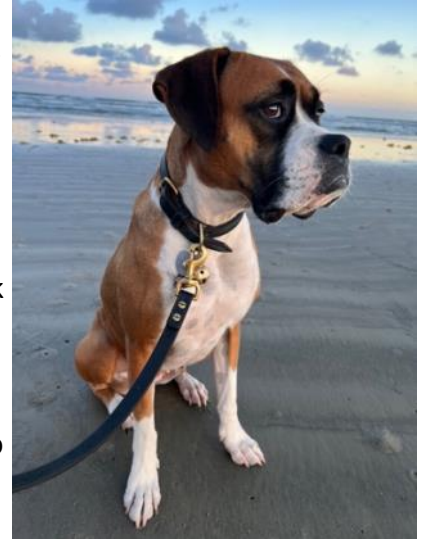
Life on the road has allowed me to spend more time with family and friends across Texas and the U.S. My four-legged companion (who doubles as the company mascot), Maggie, joins me on all adventures, and she has come to appreciate the comforts of Stella. While a technology professional, I have developed a method to allow for constant connection to the internet so I can maintain all responsibilities with the goal of exploring all corners possible in North America. Maggie and I are working to familiarize ourselves with our rig and work cadence by visiting Texas State Parks and then setting out on a trip north to Maine and then across Canada. You can find me hiking or biking various trails on the road, sampling local food and wine, or relaxing at camp. When not on the road, our home is in the Heights-Houston area, and "Stella Sapientiae," a Beneteau sailboat, is currently berthed in the Clear Lake Shores area where Maggie and I explore its coastal waters.



Maggie pondering life from the Bambi's bunk at Galveston Island State Park

When more of my time is free, I will start posting my travels on LandAndSeaGinger.com. It is currently a blank page in the process of getting filled with our adventures. Feel free to say Howdy if you see us out and about!

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Maggie exploring Galveston Island State Park



Jarod relaxing at Pedernales State Park



Bob Grimes—2022 International in Fryeburg, ME

On the AirForums site, someone lamented the rural nature of Fryeburg, “not much to do”, and their disappointment that the setting in Wyoming next year would be similar. I can only say that the Fryeburg locale afforded too many opportunities to get out and about, and while not green and lush like Fryeburg, ME, I’m sure Rock Springs, WY will also afford many opportunities.

The destinations are great, but the journey is what matters. We turned this trip into a 7 week adventure to the Northeast, took in Niagara Falls, a Bourbon tour, a scuttled venture on the Erie Canal (long story), finding the wild horses on Assateague Island, and visiting friends. A few more (noteable) experiences during our journey stops were Rum raisin ice cream in Grand Isle, NY, Maple Syrup ice cream in Brattleboro, VT, Wild Blueberry ice cream in Fryeburg, ME, oodles of fresh fruit and veggie stands everywhere, and more ice cream.

During the week of International, we met two couples who reside within 90 minutes of Bandera. We also ended up parking 2 spaces down from Roberto Del Bosque, who had been “courtesy parking” with the couple parked next to us. We had not met Roberto, a 2022 new THCU member, but glad we did. Becky Stewart Gray and David Smith also attended and camped with the Vintage Airstream Club. We went to a lot of sessions, all excellent, and I was pleased to represent the THCU as its Delegate for voting purposes.

We have only been to one other International, in Escanaba, MI, which was fun. This year’s experience was much different; we interacted with many more WBCCI members, and did some volunteer work. Jan and I rate this year’s experience, the rally dynamics and outcome a AAA+++. Make no mistake, it is the myriad of those who provide time to volunteer that makes it all tick. We are planning to travel next year to International at Rock Springs, WY although we’ve been there before. We are suspecting that this journey will morph into visiting the Pacific NorthWest, the Oregon wine country, parts of the OR and NorCal coasts, family in Montana, and check off more national parks in Utah. For us, it’s the journey, not the destination.



Traveling long distances to a tourist destination when school’s out simply demands planning. We started planning this trip nine months out. We found that it also requires flexibility, we had to make several changes in our travel schedule. Roll with it!

This was the most attended International in over 20 years (around 920 rigs, 1,800 people), and a guesstimate of roughly 250 first-timers. There was a visible presence of “young adults”, and children, which is so important for the future of the club.



This in my opinion highlighted the meaning of
“We Rally Together” ~Bob



Sidenote: Bob and Jan have posted a few (other) pictures and commentary on the THCU Facebook group regarding their adventures. These are only a few of the cool things they did. So FUN!!! Go check out more on Facebook.





Pictures from the THCU
August 2022 Luncheon @
Black's BBQ in Lockhart,
TX





Brazos Valley RV Park

September 15-18, 2022

2190 State Highway 21 East, Caldwell, TX

979-200-3007

THURSDAY.....September 15.....Arrival Day

Please arrive no earlier than 1:00 P.M.

- 4:00 pm Meet and Greet at the Club House
- 5:00 pm Leave for Sodolak's Original Country Inn
9711 FM 60 Road East, Snook, TX
- 7:00 pm Bean Bag Baseball at the Club House

FRIDAY.....September 16.....Explore Bryan/College Station

- 7:30 AM Breakfast rolls in the Club House
Bring your drink of choice
- 9:00 AM Line up to leave for Bryan/College Station
George Bush Presidential Library
1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station, TX
Admission \$9 Adults, \$7 Senior/Veterans with ID
- 12:30 pm Lunch at Dixie Chicken
307 University Dr, College Station, TX 77840
- 4:30 pm Social Hour
- 5:30 pm Bring hors d'oeuvres to share
- 7:00 pm Bean Bag Baseball or games of choice

SATURDAY.....September 17.....Explore Caldwell

Breakfast on your own; there will be coffee at the Club House

- 10:00 am Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum
200 E. Fawn Street, Caldwell, TX

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

- 4:00 pm Business Meeting and Social Hour at the Club House
- 5:30 pm Grilling Night.....Bring your choice of meat and sides.
- 7:00 pm Bean Bag Baseball or games of choice

SUNDAY..... September 18..... Departure Day..... Safe travels

- 8:30 am Devotional at the Club House
Clean up, hook up, and see you at the next rally



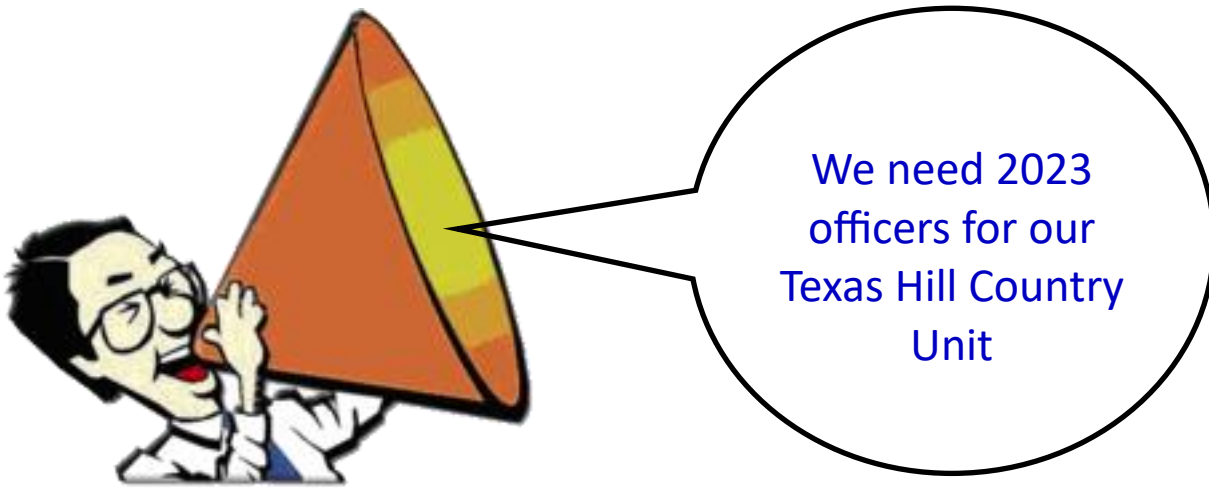
Caldwell is a Main Street City and is the county seat of Burleson County. The population is approximately 4,000 persons. Burleson County has had four Courthouses 1846-7, 1850 ca., 1889-90 and this one built in 1927. The cornerstone of the 1889-90 courthouse is located at the north side entrance. Historical marker was erected in 1973.

Suggested sites to visit:

Burleson County Courthouse and town square
100 West Fox Street
Caldwell Historical Museum 979-567-6854
103 TX Hwy. 21
Cech Heritage Museum 254-899-2935
100-198 N. Shaw Street
Royalty Pecan Farms 800-694-8362
10600 TX Hwy 21

Suggested Restaurants:

Country Burger 7527 CR 132 979-535-3700
Daisy Dukes BBQ 300 TX 21 979-567-9600
Burgers here were very good. Dine-in area is small.
Front Street Burgers 8137 CR 315 979-200-1809
Located in Yellow Prairie Emporium, Gift Shop and Country Store
Garden Spot Café 1301 W. Hwy 21 979-567-9955
Lo Nuestro De Mexico 1512 TX 21 979-567-0642
Masfajitas 305 TX 36 979-567-4007
Old Post Office 102 W. Fox 979-324-5194
Food was good but service was slow.



President shall: ([one volunteer needed](#))

- Preside of meetings of the Unit & Executive Board

- Enforce the Constitution and Bylaws

- Appoints all standing committees and the Parliamentarian

- Have such powers and duties as normally pertain to the principal executive officer

- Plan the year's luncheons and rallies; this should include input from other members and members will be expected to host the rally

1st Vice President shall: ([one volunteer needed](#))

- Attend all business meetings of the unit and the Executive Board.

- Shall assist the President.

- Assume the duties of the President in the President's absence.

2nd Vice President shall: ([one volunteer needed](#))

- Attend all business meetings of the unit and the Executive Board.

- Assist the President and the First President.

- Assume the duties of the First Vice President in the absence of said officer.

- Assume the duties of the President in the case of the absence of the President and the First Vice President.

- Perform the duties as assigned by the Executive Board.

Two-Year Directors shall: ([two volunteers needed](#))

- To attend all meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board.

- To accept special assignments as directed by the President. Additional duties may be to chair or be members of committees.

If you would like to volunteer as a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, or one of the Two-Year Directors, please contact Charlie Williams (ncw123@aol.com) or Zephyr Marek (faye_marek@yahoo.com) as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST

01 David Toy
02 Ed Michek
05 Tim Ebbers
08 Craig Fegley
19 Zephyr Marek
21 Eddie Eiland

SEPTEMBER

05 Becky Gray
11 David Smith
22 Carlos Fernandez
25 Robert Lemley

welcome

New members:

- ⇒ Ashley Sherman
- ⇒ Edward Whittle
- ⇒ Gerald and Theresa Davis
- ⇒ Joel and Michele Abad
- ⇒ Tracey Davies
- ⇒ Craig Washington (affiliate)
- ⇒ Jenny Pye
- ⇒ Katy and Cal Bonugli
- ⇒ Eric Starnes



Aug 09 Susan and Craig Fegley
Aug 14 Carol Wallace and Charlie Williams
Sep 04 Mark and Peggy Knox
Sep 06 Warner and Gail Hord
Sep 12 Bob and Jan Grimes

General Announcements

- ⇒ You will notice that our Facebook page is Private. If you are a new member and would like to join our Facebook group, search for the page name = Texas Hill Country Unit.
- ⇒ If you have rally or airstreaming pictures you would like to post on our Facebook page, please do so. We would love to see you there too!
- ⇒ 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.



Website: <https://airstreamclub.org/TexasHillCountry>
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: Dan and Zephyr Marek 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 26-May1 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 \$46 per night.
June 09-12	Big Chief RV Park 1420 FM 690, Burnet, TX 512-793-4746	Hosts: Charlie Williams & Doug Wylie Call to reserve your spot, \$40 Thurs night and \$45 Fri & Sat night
July 23-29 International	Fryeburg, ME	International Officers
August 13 @ 11:30am	Mid Year Luncheon at Black's BBQ in Lockhart TX	Please let Charlie Williams know if you are going and how many in your party by Aug 6th.
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	**The rally site may change. Contact Charlie Williams if you have already made reservations.
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	

