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Little Mermaid and La Glace Cakes and pastries



President's Message

As Carrie and I were traveling in Denmark the past 2 weeks, I did not have any news I could report on for GHAC this month. We did get our Airstream fixed at Bob Jones, who are, as always very helpful. The mothership covered warranty items. Our Czone was repaired, our bed lift is partially repaired – waiting on the electric lift, our galley light was fixed, and various smaller items as well were repaired.

We are just a few weeks from starting our caravan to Fryeburg. We will meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky on July the 5th. Also, the ones who are going to International will meet up with us at Tamworth Camping Area, NH July 22nd at 10am so we can camp together.

Thanks to Tracy Elkins who put together the Rally report, the newsletter is great. She laid everything out with pictures. Thanks Tracy!

Remember:

Signing up on <u>Jotform September Rally</u> from the GHAC website is how you pay your rally fees (meaning mostly meals). <u>Calling</u> the RV Park and registering there is how you pay the RV Park.

Anyone wanting to attend the November Rally sign up with Brazos Bend right away. They only have 20 sites available, and none are full hookups; 10 are 30 Amps and 10 are 50 Amps. Both will go quick.

Signing up on <u>Jotform Memorial Day Rally</u> from the GHAC website is how you pay your rally fees (meaning mostly meals). <u>Calling</u> the RV Park and registering there is how you pay the RV Park.

To reserve with the Campground, either call (512) 389-8900 or reserving on-line at <u>https://texasstateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/brazos-bend-state-</u> <u>park/r/campsiteCalendar.do?page=calendar&search=site&criteria=new&contractCode=TX&parkId=1200072</u>. Now is a great time to reserve as they only have 22 sites available.

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



Memorial Rally Johnson Creek RV Resort – Ingram, TX By Tracy Elkins



What do you get when you combine great weather, beautiful campground, lots of activities, food, patriotism and a bunch of Airstreams....a perfect Memorial Rally in the beautiful Texas Hill Country! The campground was once a Pecan Orchard and we had 12 rigs nestled under the welcomed shade of the towering trees. Rally hosts, Rick & Tracy Elkins, and co-hosts, Jim and Lisa Feine, arrived on Wednesday along with a little rain and mild cold front. Waking to temps in the mid-50's on Thursday was so pleasant and later in the day Tom & Caren Bundy, Jerry & Carol Goodwin, Vernon & Jo Goodwin and Ashley Billiard, Robert & Lisa Hansen, Bruce Lee, Eric & Holly McMurphy, Larry & Susan Meeks, Jim & Mary Miller and Don & Helen Teegarden made their way in and set up. We enjoyed a happy hour at

Bundy's site and then went out to a few of the local restaurants for dinner. Friday morning remained cooler; later in

the day John, Deborah & Rachel Davis



the Rally Lisa Feine Kerrville put together bag of local dining seeds and a There were area

for the rally attendees to chose from. The had an area on the Clubhouse fireplace to attractions. Some club members visited the Country Arts Foundation in Ingram to view

Watercolor Society Annual National Show, the replicas of Stonehenge and the Easter Island heads. Friday afternoon there

tour at James Avery Silver Craftsman that many attended. Some ventured out to area wineries and into nearby Kerrville to see the Empty Cross Prayer Garden or to the Hunt Store. For our furry friends, there were a few restaurants that offered doggie dishes and the Café at the Ridge provided a fresh baked dog biscuit! Several attended worship services on Sunday in the area churches.

arrived completing Crew.

worked with the Tourism Bureau to a fantastic goodie attractions, maps, guides, bluebonnet few sweet treats!

> lots of activities hosts post Hill the Texas

was a



The club's Annual Business Meeting was held Saturday at 10 am with President Mike Iverson, Corresponding Secretary Carrie Iverson, 1st VP Dan McAnulty and Recording Secretary Maria McAnulty attending remotely via teleconference. Officers onsite were Rick Elkins, 2nd VP and Caren Bundy, Assistant Treasurer. Among other business, the results of the recent votes were presented and Dan submitted the locations and dates for the 2023 Rallies. The minutes of this meeting were recorded by Maria. Following this Business Meeting a meeting of the club Executive Board members was conducted via teleconference. Outdoor challenges were abundant throughout the Rally. Lisa Hansen suggested we kick off with a contest for the most

patriotic Airstream. entries

determined by a vote Sunday night. Eric & took the grand price included a 3' Uncle Hansen easily took with patriotic buntings

fishing pole casting



oaks.



decorated There were eight and the winner of all attendees Holly McMurphy with their display Sam and Bob & second place all around their

contest was Friday afternoon and participants competed to see

which could score the most points casting with a fishing pole into patriotic target buckets. Jerry Goodwin had the best score with Bruce Lee coming in second. Ashley Billiard did a great job casting and spent some free time practice casting for next time! Saturday afternoon was perfect for corn hole and sewer hose toss challenges under the beautiful live oaks behind the club house. Most everyone tossed a bean bag into the flag decorated corn hole boards provided by The Elkins. The competition was fierce with John & Lisa Davis sinking 1st place and Lisa Hansen and Holly McMurphy taking 2nd place. Corn hole was a favorite outdoor past time throughout the Rally and why not; the back yard was beautiful with the pool and pavilion and the majestic live

The sewer hose toss turned out to be an immensely popular several of displaying their techniques to achieve the greatest Rick Elkins took 1st place with his knotted hose and shot-put Larry Meeks was not far behind for 2nd.



Sunday off putting the



event with distance; launch and

morning led with a challenge on

Campground's course. It was beautiful with a backdrop of Johnson Creek and a small bluff. Although a number of players sunk several balls, Bruce Lee took the lead and first place by sinking the money ball on his last shot! Let him tell you the

story of how he earned the nickname, "Sandbagger!" Jim Miller took home the price for solving the

games, he completed the block puzzle and the Prices for all the games were bags of chocolate



The Red, White & Blue Raffle had lots of great including some that were hand made by Virginia Taroni donated several beautiful bags, placemats, and visors that were in high Feine donated etched pocket knifes. The was a Pottery Barn Pillow with an Airstream; Lisa Feine. The Raffle raised \$150 for Team RWB!



wood puzzle barrel puzzle. chip cookies!

prizes members. hand-stitch demand. Jim grand prize it was won by





A Rally wouldn't be a complete without food and this one was certainly no exception; scrumptious appetizers at Happy Hour and several delicious

meals left no one hungry. appetizer favorites were brownies & watermelon The McMurphy's, a by Vernon & Jo, and the provided by The Davis'. up the grills near the live oaks behind the club and dogs. At Vernon's

some onions and then had some every subsequent meal! Saturday



Two Happy Hour the patriotic stars prepared by selections of queso bacon wrapped dates Friday night we fired pavilion under the house for burgers request we grilled form of onions at morning we had

eggs, sausage, and tortillas with all the fixings for breakfast tacos and for dinner we feasted on pulled pork with baked beans and potato salad and an ice cream dessert that stole the show. On Sunday we had biscuits and gravy for breakfast, followed by a huge spread of build your own sub sandwich at lunch; and if that wasn't enough, we had a "Build a Mountain" taco bar for dinner complete with margaritas and sopapilla cheesecake for dessert. On Friday and Monday we had continental style breakfast with homemade banana bread a blueberry coffee cake and plenty of fresh fruit, juices, coffee &



milk. At Vernon's request we had some form of onions (particularly grilled onions) at every dinner. Did anyone gain a few pounds?



Throughout the Rally we had time to play cards, walk the beautiful grounds, watch the deer graze in the orchard, fish & wade in Johnson Creek or just kick back around someone's Airstream for to visit. Bruce Lee found that he was already famous here as there was a complete set of "The Real Bruce Lee" DVD Movies! Rick led a memorial



to



homage for those that gave all and prepared a bio for some of the local heroes that was available for rally attendees to read. One evening we had a rousing rendition of the <u>Airstream Song</u> performed by Caren Bundy and Deborah Davis – we did video it in case those that weren't able to attend wanted to see and hear the performance!

Monday morning we enjoyed a continental breakfast and several of the rigs pulled out to get back home. We had 7 rigs that stayed on and extra day. Monday afternoon we had an impromptu happy hour at The Elkins' site and enjoyed a meal together at The Lakehouse.

Rick and I along with Jim and Lisa thank everyone for coming out and kicking off the summer with our first Memorial

Rally since 2019! We had nothing but positive feedback so we know everyone had a fabulous time. We'll take a break on Club Rallies for a few months and look forward to seeing y'all again in September!



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

	Date		2022 GHAC Rally Schedule				
Event		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				
			15152 US Highway 190 West				
Labor Day Rally	9/8-11/22	On the Lake RV Resort	Onalaska	936-646-3824		McAnulty	Iversen
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	Coushatte Recreation Ranch	4029 Clay Ranch Ln, Bellville	979-865-5897			

Airstream Club Websites- Just so you don't forget

The Airstream Club website <u>HTTPS://airstreamclub.org</u> 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: <u>HTTPS://airstreamclub.org/greater-houston</u>. where information on current GHAC rallies, unit newsletters and more can be found. Check us out.



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 (<u>maison1306@gmail.com</u>) or Rick Elkins (<u>rick112851@gmail.com</u>) for additional details and guidance.

Most important, be of good cheer and have fun!

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

By Carol Goodwin

"A little bit of summer is what the whole year is all about." By John Mayer

MEMBER CONCERNS

Virginia Taroni is recovering well after having surgery to remove her thyroid. She says that the surgery went well, and no cancer was detected. She is a little hoarse, though. She is back to driving!

Rick Elkins had surgery on June 3rd at MD Anderson to remove a mass from his mouth. Surgery went well and he is expected to go home soon.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Amanda & Jay Bubela Brenda & Chris Spence

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Jamie Nixon	June 1
Rose Nugteren	June 7
Dan McAnulty	June 10
Jo Goodwin	June 12
Ron Lange	June 12
Larry Meeks	June 17
Natalie Garrett	June 24
Lisa Schwarz	June 24
Laurie Vice	June 26
Carol Goodwin	June 28
Susan Sheridan	June 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Helen & Don Teegarden	June 6, 1957
Eloise & Don Reeves	June 15, 1963
Keith & Grady Ferry	June 15, 1974
Charlotte & Justin Edwards	June 19, 1982
Mary Etta & Arnold Zander	June 20, 1959
Rae & Ronn Gilbert	June 20, 1970
Christopher & Lana Dalston	June 27, 1997

JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Lia Laney	July	1
Eloise Reeves	July	1
Susan Raia	July	2
Robert Smith	July	3
Jan Rightmyer	July	4
Patti Blanchet	July	6
Pete Baker	July	9
Bill Dodson	July	11
Rick Vice	July	15
Virginia Taroni	July	17
Gene Blanchard	July	20
Richard Graff	July	20
Louise Parry	July	20
Perry Neichoy	July	24
Kirk Wells	July	28
David Parry	July	29
Christopher Dalston	July	31

ANNIVERSARIES

Deborah & John Davis	July 10, 1993
Suzan & Ron Bernucho	July 15, 2003
Jamie & George Nixon	July 16 <i>,</i> 1986
Mary & Jim Miller	July 20, 1985
Jody & Tim Bashor	July 23 <i>,</i> 1973
Bruce Lee & Leslie Spilman	July 26, 2008
Kay & Perry Neichoy	July 30, 2011

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Coreen Collins	August	1
Jason Goodwin	August	2
Lisa Hansen	August	3
John Fuselier	August	4
Cheryl Verlander	August	6
Dan Nugteren	August	9
Jim Shults	August	10
Eric McMurphy	August	11
Tom Taroni	August	11
Bob Miller	August	13
Reid Westmoreland	August	15
David Rice	August	16
Ken Laney	August	17
Jim Miller	August	19
Adam Mathews	August	22
Jennifer Cary	August	24
Tina Miller	August	24
Joan Smith	August	25
Carol Baker	August	26
Vicki Ketchum	August	28
Tonia Goodwin	August	29
Lindsey Buckley	August	30

ANNIVERSARIES

June & Bob Hutson	August 3, 1979
Susan & Mike Beal	August 5
Dell & Bob Jones	August 6, 1966
Beverly & Jack Williams	August 8, 1970
Liesa & Jim Glover	August 13, 1993
K.D. & Stephen Couch	August 19, 1967
Amanda & John Gayle	August 20, 2011
Linda & Larry Ford	August 21, 1976
Sabra & Paul Francis	August 23,2008
Carrie & Michael Iversen	August 28, 2004
Till & Danny Brown	August 29, 1975

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND SAFE TRAVELS!

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		
Recording Secretary	Maria McAnulty	2162
Corresponding Secretary	Carrie Iversen	8621
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Assistant Treasurer	Caren Bundy	2835
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Trustee 2 Years	Daniel Schwarz	5404
Trustee 1 Year	Jose Melgares	7049
Trustee 1 Year	Jerry Goodwin	1131
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Immediate Past President	Bruce Lee	5461
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Constitution & Bylaws	Bruce Lee	5461
Crafts & Projects	Carol Goodwin	1131
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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.





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!