



President's Message

Thanks to everyone for coming to the rally in Caldwell. We had a great time. Joane and Dave did a great job planning the activities. Everyone enjoyed the games. One night, we played beanbag baseball and the women almost won—if Dan showed his chest off earlier I think the women would've beat us.

Thanks to the folks who volunteered to be officers for 2023 so our unit can continue to exist. The 2023 nominated officers are listed in the meeting minutes. The officers will be voted on and approved in the next (October) rally. The November rally in Schulenburg will make it official. Please note that Bob Grimes would very much like input on next year's rallies for our unit. Remember that this is an all-volunteer group and we need your input.

Our next rally is at Big Chief in Burnet October 20 through 23. Make your reservations now; thus far four reservations have been made. Remember deer hunting season is coming up and reservations in the hill country will be snapped up soon. Zephyr had done a terrific job of planning the activities for this rally; the itinerary is within the pages of this newsletter. This rally looks like a lot of fun despite it being in the same place as June's rally. Hoping the weather will be much cooler than it was back in June. It's going to be Halloween, so one night is dress up!

There were so many new members since the last newsletter—I feel like I've said this before. A Texas-sized welcome to the following new members: Jason and Amy Toombs, Charles and Kristin Cadigan, Tara Weaver, Elise and Nathan Winchester, Brendon and Amy McCaulley, Jan and Douglas Christiansen, and affiliate members Bruce and Marya Barefoot. Hope to meet you at the next rally!

We had a blowout coming back from the Caldwell rally; thankfully Carol and I are OK. I do need some suggestions of how to repair the under carriage around the back tire where we had a blow out. I could see plywood underneath the trailer and there is a big opening where the p-trap for the shower is, but it still seems to be in place. Pls call/email me with any suggestions. Additionally, thank you Dave for coming and following us to make sure we got home ok.

Everyone have a safe trip. See you in October.

Yours truly,
Charlie L. Williams
President, Texas Hill Country Unit
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Meet Elise and Nathan Winchester

Nathan and I married in 2003 and are now in our 50s with no kids. We own an architecture firm, Winchester Architects, that is located in Bryan and we live in College Station with 3 dogs and 6 chickens. I retired from TAMU in 2019 and I'm now the office manager for our firm. Nathan is the principal architect. Travel is one of our passions and we enjoy spending weeks each summer in New Mexico and Colorado. We take our portuguese water dog, Henna, with us and usually stay in AirBnBs. One of our motivations for buying an Airstream is to be able to take our other dogs with us (a yorkie and a rat terrier mix) when we travel. Asking a host to accept 3 dogs in an Airbnb is asking a lot - I wouldn't rent to us! We both enjoy live music, hiking, road trips, art, and architecture. Nathan is into dirt and street bike riding and fast cars. I love going to music festivals with hanging out with my girlfriends who mostly live in the hill country.



We were given the option of choosing between the Houston or the Hill Country units and we opted for the Hill Country unit (of course). We met at Liberty Lunch in 1996 when we both lived in Austin and our first date was to SXSW. We own 27 acres with an incredible view between Wimberly and Blanco and are working on plans for our winter "retirement house". I put quotes around retirement house because Nathan feels the same way as Willie Nelson, why would I retire from something I love? I don't feel that way.

This is our first Airstream, prior to it we had a pop-up camper that was given to us by a client. It was in near perfect condition, and we enjoyed camping in it. However, as we matured, we began to long for something with a bathroom and solid walls. The airstream was purchased by close friends about 5 years ago and brought to Bryan from Oklahoma. They made some much-needed updates (plumbing, wiring, A/C) and were using it mostly as an office. I fell in love with it the minute I saw it and made them promise to give me first option if they ever sold it. Finally, in May, they were ready to sell, and I was able to purchase it from them. Win-Win! She's a 1965 Overlander 26', and I named her Plan B. I was born in 64 and Nathan in 66 - so Plan B is the same age as us. We have all of her original paperwork and manual. She was originally purchased in CA.

There is a company in B/CS called Trailer Trashin that restores airstreams, and when they saw her they got very excited because she has almost all of her original - everything (even the sink covers). She is very well preserved inside and out, there is very little rot, and the basics have already been updated. My vision is to keep her as original as possible and build on her mid-century modern style. There are a few things we plan to change to make her more adapted to our lifestyle. We want to remodel the bathroom and make some minor renovations to the kitchen. The original interior and exterior skins are in great shape, so we'll be keeping those. We will probably add a tankless water heater and maybe solar panels. It looks like we may be able to keep the original canopy with some minor repairs.

Her maiden voyage will probably be to Palo Duro Canyon since we've never been there and have been wanting to go for a long time, and we have friends with property in Terlingua that we'd like to visit. And, there's always summers in the mountains of New Mexico and Colorado!

Just an aside, Nathan has a completely restored 1966 Ford 150 that will like really sweet towing her.



***Note: I (Ally) did not know what a 1966 Ford 150 looked like so I looked it up and WOWZA—Elise is right. Seeing a 1966 Ford 150 towing a 1965 Overlander would be freaking awesome!*

Meet Pat and Mike Green

We are both from the Houston area. Pat from Lake Jackson and Mike from south Houston near Hobby Airport. We met while working for a consulting engineering firm in Houston. We left Houston in the early '80s and moved to Austin. We spent quite a few years in the Convict Hill area of Austin and then on to Dripping Springs for 23 years. In 2018 we moved to our current location in near Luckenbach Texas "with Willie and Waylon and the boys."

We both retired in 2017. Pat has a degree in accounting from UT and did accounting for most of her career. Mike has a degree in Mechanical engineering from Texas A&M and was a consulting engineer. We

have one son who broke tradition and has a degree in Mechanical engineering from Texas Tech. We have one granddaughter that is almost 7 years old and in first grade.

Our first RVing experience was in a borrowed Winnebago that we found out had numerous latent/unknown problems (or so THEY said!). Our trip was cut short and was a total disaster and almost kept us from ever RVing again.

In 2005 we bought our first Airstream, a 1994 27 ft. Excella. In 2016 we stumbled upon a 2012 30 ft Airstream Flying Cloud and bought it on the spot. We put our first Airstream on the market and to our surprise made a nice profit on it

Our favorite place to date to travel has been anywhere in the northeast U.S. which we've spent the last 7 years exploring. However our current plan is to venture west the next few years and we hope that these travels will include some of our new friends in the Wally Byam Caravan Club.

Note: Pat and Mike were at the September Rally, so you will see additional pictures of them in the next section. Also, Mike is a silent-but-great 42 player. You will need to line up to get him as a partner—Dan Marek has dibs.



September 2022 Rally in Pictures:

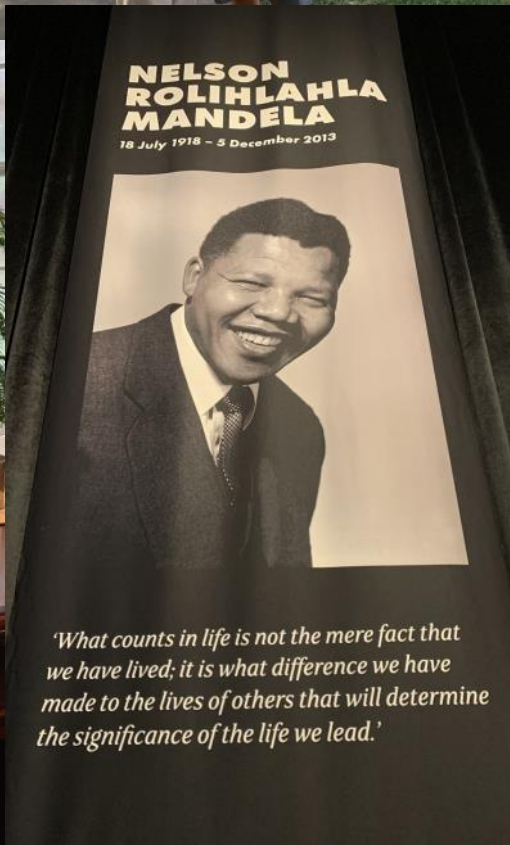


Attendees of this rally are Charlie Willams and Carol Wallace, Joan Ermis, Dave Toy, Dan and Zephyr Marek, Pat and Mike Green, Lois Muir and Dick Fletcher, Eldon and Joanne St Clair, Yvonne and Ed Michek, and Tim and Allison Ebbers. Jim and Raisin Schwerdfeger also joined us Thursday night.



September 2022 Rally in Pictures (continued):





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Pictured left: There was a parade in Caldwell that some were able to go to. Nice small town parade. Thank you to Lois for getting this pic.

The rest of the photos were from the THCU Business Meeting and Grill-Your-Own-Stuff night. We also had a raffle of sorts complimentary of Jim and Raisin Schwerdfeger. Showing off are winners P&M Green and T&A Ebberts (very bottom right).

Thank you Jim and Raisin!!



Minutes from the rally at Caldwell, Sept. 2022

- ◆ Charlie called the meeting to order.
- ◆ Zephyr read the treasurers report, voted to approve and seconded.
- ◆ Ally gave the report on the voting done for the amendments to WBCCI
 - ◆ Of our unit 29 people (16 trailers) voted. 41% voted yes, proposal #2 failed.
 - ◆ Motion to approve by Ally, seconded by Joane
- ◆ Door prizes donated by Jim and Raisin. One went to Pat and Mike Green, the other to Tim and Ally. Thank you Jim and Raisin!
- ◆ Good job to Joane for the great activities for this rally.
- ◆ Nominating committee gave report for 2023 officers to be voted in the October 2023 rally at Big Chief/Burnet, TX.
 - ◆ President: Bob Grimes
 - ◆ 1st VP: Tim Ebbers
 - ◆ 2nd VP: Michael Green
 - ◆ Corresponding and recording secretary: Carol Wallace
 - ◆ Treasurer: Zephyr Marek
 - ◆ Membership: Yvonne Michek
 - ◆ 1 year director: Ed Michek and Joanne Ermis
 - ◆ 2 year director: Dan Marek and Dave Toy
 - ◆ Newsletter: Ally Ebbers
 - ◆ Web Master: Tim Ebbers





TEXAS HILL COUNTRY RALLY October 20-23, 2022
 BIG CHIEF RV PARK 512-793-4746
 1420 FM 690, Burnet, Texas

THURSDAY.....October 20.....Arrival Day.....

- 5:00 PM Meet and Greet at the Lounge Room next to office
- 6:00 PM Pot Luck Supper (note only a microwave in Lounge room)
- 7:00 PM Bean Bag Baseball or Games of your choice

FRIDAY.....October 21.....Explore after lunch

- 7:30-8:30 AM Cobbler and Coffee in Lounge room
- 10:45 Line up to go to lunch
- 11:00 AM Lunch at The Dam Grill
16082 E. TX 29, Buchanan Dam, Texas
- After lunch explore on your own
- 5:30 PM Halloween Party with Hors 'd oeuvres
Wear a costume or not!
- 7:00 PM Games of your choice



SATURDAY.....October 22.....Day in Bertram

- Breakfast on your own with coffee in Lounge room
- 10:30 AM Line up for drive to Bertram
- 11 AM The Bertram Library & Thrift Shop opens
140 N. Gabriel, Bertram, Texas
- 11:30 AM Meet at Flanigan's TX Distillery and Winery for Lunch
330 N. Lampasas St., Bertram, Texas
- After lunch explore on your own
- 5:30 PM Business Meeting
- 6:30 PM Social Hour and Hors d' oeuvres



SUNDAY..... October 23..... Departure Day..... Safe travels

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

Places to go; things to see in Burnet, TX (Big Chief is approx. 10 miles to town center)

Nature/Museum stuff...

- Longhorn Cavern State Park – You can explore the park above or below ground. If you want to go on a below ground tour, you will need to book it online. Hours & Pricing - Longhorn Cavern State Park (visitlonghorncavern.com)
- Inks Lake State Park – You can hike, geocache, fish, kayak/canoe or even scuba dive. Canyon of the Eagles Nature Park – Hike one of their great trails. They charge a fee for day use.
- Fort Croghan Museum and Grounds – Historic fort. Open Thurs-Sat from 10-4. Free admission.
- Hill Country MotorHeads – Vintage motorcycle museum and sales. Adults - \$7, Seniors/Veterans/Military/Teachers/1st Responders - \$5. Hill Country Motorcycle Museum - Burnet, TX - Hill Country Motorheads
- Vanishing Texas River Cruises – Offering Boat or Kayak eco tours. Price varies.
- Hamilton Creek Park—walking trails, picnic areas

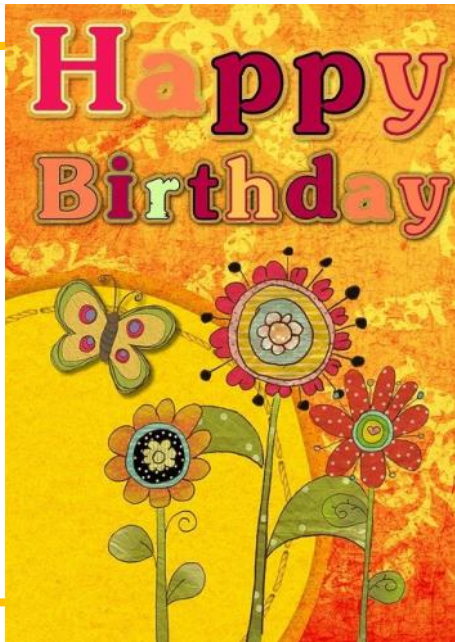
Shopping stuff...

- The Knot Hole – Antique shop - 608 S Water St, Burnet, TX 78611-3639
- The Ritzy Texan - 103 W Polk Street Burnet, TX 78611
- Several shops in historic structures at the square
- Torr Na Lochs Vineyard and Winery - 7055 W State Hwy 29, Burnet, TX 78611. Wine and live music. Close to Big Chief
- Perissos Vineyard and Winery—7214 Park Rd 4 W, Burnet, TX 78611. Informal tasting at \$24/person

Places to go; things to see in Bertram, TX

Shopping stuff...

- The Red Rooster - Antique Store - 260 TX-29 Bertram, TX 78605
- Mosaic Garden Treasures - 143 E Vaughan St, Bertram, TX 78605
- KFire Vineyard & Winery – 3059 CR 212, Bertram, TX 78605 – Sat 11AM-6PM
- Decadent Saint Winery – 3547 W Hwy 29 , Bertram, TX - Sat 12PM-8PM with live music from 4-7



SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 01 Cheryl Fernandez
- 03 Linda Esper
- 08 Robert Grimes
- 16 Daniel Marek
- 22 Gayle Ketchum
- 25 Cheryl McCormick
- 27 Michael Stanley
- 30 Carol Wallace
- 30 Allison Ebbers

welcome

New members:

- ⇒ Jason and Amy Toombs
- ⇒ Charles and Kristin Cadigan
- ⇒ Tara Weaver
- ⇒ Elise and Nathan Winchester
- ⇒ Brendon and Amy McCaulley
- ⇒ Jan and Douglas Christiansen
- ⇒ Affiliate members—Bruce and Marya Barefoot



- Sep 04 Mark and Peggy Knox
- Sep 06 Warner and Gail Hord
- Sep 12 Bob and Jan Grimes
- Oct 11 Austin Lucas and Alexa Fischer
- Oct 15 Carlos and Cheryl Fernandez

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 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 al-ly.ebbers@gmail.com and I will post on the next newsletter.



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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 & Cabins 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 20-23	Big Chief RV Park 1420 FM 690, Burnet, TX 512-793-4746	Hosts: Dan and Zephyr Marek Call to reserve your spot, \$40 Thurs night and \$45 Fri & Sat night
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	

