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ALMOST MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER OF TEXAS HILL
COUNTRY UNIT

# The Bluebonnet



#### President's Message

Thanks to everyone who attended the rally in Burnet. Carol and I were disappointed to miss the Big Chief rally; we were not expecting my medical emergency. Thank you to Zephyr and Dan for planning the activities. It sounds like everyone had a good time and was accompanied with great weather. I'm sure that Carol and I will be able to attend the next Installation rally in Schulenburg. Speaking of the next rally...

All current THCU members should've received the Schulenburg itinerary from Ally last night (10/26). Thanks to Ally, Tim, Yvonne and Ed for being hosts and planning what sounds like a fun installation rally - plus a Thanksgiving feast. Although, there's no need for evening gowns or tuxedos, please dress nicely for the installation. Doug Wylie has volunteered to do our installation this year; can't wait to see him and his family - it's been too long. Currently, there are eight spots are filled in Schulenburg. If you are attending and aren't part of the eight rigs that have already been counted, please contact me or Ally. This park is a little different from the other rallies - you will need to contact me or Ally to let us know if you are going (not the park). I will then need to let the park know. We need the final count with the park by Nov 1st.

This will be our last rally with me as President and lovely Carol as First Lady. It has been a pleasure for us. I appreciate the folks who have volunteered to be officers for next year. Being an all-volunteer group, it takes us all, not just the officers, to make our unit a success. I look forward to next year's rallies. Bob Grimes, the incoming president, has some nice ones planned. The tentative places/dates set for rallies are included in this newsletter - please take a look. Some of them need to be booked earlier than normal. Most will also need hosts to volunteer to make it a success. Please consider volunteering. Let's make next year fun!

Welcome to our new members, Billie Jo Sage and Earl Kohlhoff in their 2016 International and Felicia and Kevin Johnson in their 1994 Excella. So many new members this year! Hope to see you at the next rally. We also have many affiliate members joining our unit; welcome to Timothy and

Diane Sweeney

Tracy and Rick Elkins, and Christina and Billy Nabors (prior THCU members).

Thank you to all the Get Well Wishes. Carol and I truly appreciate it.

Yours truly, Charlie L. Williams



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#### Meet Cal and Katy Bonugli family

My husband, Cal, and I both work from home. Cal works for Travere Therapeutics as a Senior Quality Assurance Manager and I am a Senior Proposal Specialist for a contract research organization, Parexel Biotech. We have lived in College Station for 11 years and have been married for the same amount of time. Our anniversary is May 14. Our daughters are Emma, who is about to be 10, and Maggie who just turned 7. We have a beagle/rat terrier rescue dog named Archie. Our orange tabby cat, Scout, is also a rescue. Cal loves music and I love to run occasionally with Archie. We both have a love of wine, craft cocktails and date nights. Our girls love traveling, art and watching movies. We all like being outdoors when the Texas heat permits. This is why we decided to purchase our Airstream. A very nice (and knowledgeable!) family from Killeen sold us our Flying Cloud, which we have enjoyed since August 2021. This is our first Airstream, which we have lovingly named Genny, after Cal's mother who loved the outdoors but was sadly taken too soon by Alzheimer's.





We love the ease of towing, durability and beautiful design of our rig. We would however love to add a bunk or dedicated sleeping space for our daughters. Our most memorable trip so far has been to Destin, FL with a stop in New Orleans. We don't have any specific bucket list destinations in mind, but

would love to travel to
Arkansas, Colorado or to
the base of the Smokey
Mountains. We also look
forward to joining the
THCU rallies!
One of our first trips
(pictures included) was
during Halloween to
Camp Fimfo, in New
Braunfels, where we won
best decorated campsite!
We look forward to many
more adventures with
Genny!



### October 2022 Rally in Pictures:

Attendees of this rally are Bob and Jan Grimes, Dave Toy, Dan and Zephyr Marek, Lois Muir and Dick Fletcher, Joshua and Cyndi McCluskey, Eldon and Joanne St Clair, Yvonne and Ed Michek, and Tim and Allison Ebbers.

Picture of the group below beside the McClukey's nice shiny rig.



#### October 2022 Rally in Pictures:

Photos from High Tea at Flanigans' Distillery and Winery in Bertram, TX. There's a vintage Airstream which the owners got as a fixer upper. They let us check out. They also told us the history of the building, a film done there (Newton Boys), and the history of high tea in addition to serving some really good food, perfect tea and delectable cocktails. It





#### Minutes from the rally at Big Chief, Oct 2022

- ◆ Zephyr called the meeting to order.
- Zephyr read the treasurers report, voted to approve and seconded.
- ♦ Ally gave old business report
  - Nominating committee and 2023 officer list
  - Approved and seconded
- New business:
  - ◆ Bob Grimes, incoming president, provided tentative 2023 rally schedule
  - Yvonne Michek and Ally Ebbers provided repot on Thanksgiving/Installation rally. This rally will have a rally fee attached.
  - ◆ Jan Grimes brought up the WBCCI quarterly Campfire Chats. This is a virtual meeting which will provide you a chance to join International President, Eric McHenry, and Corporate Manager, Lori Plummer, for an informal chat where they share what's going on in the Club, new things coming, updates on events and anything you wish to ask. These chats are intended to be interactive, answering questions submitted by members either ahead of time, or during the chat.
  - The next two meetings are on December 14th at 7 PM EST and March 8th at 7 PM EST. Please check your email for the webinar link. The email reminder will be sent to the primary email address on the membership.
- Meeting closed, motion by Bob Grimes and seconded by Jan Grimes. Let's eat!!





#### **Incoming Officers 2022**

President: Bob Grimes
 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Tim Ebbers
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Michael Green

Corresponding & recording secretary: Carol Wallace

Treasurer: Zephyr Marek

Membership chairman: Yvonne Michek
 1 year director: Ed Michek and Joanne Ermis
 2 year director: Dan Marek and Dave Toy

Newsletter: Ally EbbersWeb Master: Tim Ebbers

#### 2022 Officers

♦ President: Charlie Williams

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Doug Wylie
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Jan Eiland

Corresponding & recording secretary: Carol Wallace

◆ Treasurer: Zephyr Marek

• Membership chairman: Bob Grimes

1 year director: Dave Toy and Dan Marek2 year director: Joe Long and Ed Michek

♦ Newsletter editor: Ally Ebbers

Web master: Tim Ebbers

# THCU Installation Rally @ Schulenburg RV Park November 17-20, 2022

#### Nov 17 – Thursday – Arrival Day

5:00 PM Meet and Greet Happy Hour

6:00 PM Pot Luck Supper 7:00 PM Chit-Chat or Games

#### Nov 18 – Friday

8:30 AM Coffee and Donuts

9:30 AM Line up to go to Shiner, TX

11:00 AM Spoetzl Brewery (makers of Shiner Beer) in Shiner, TX

603 E Brewery St, Shiner, TX 77984

There are 18 spots reserved for this activity. It is \$20 per person.

12:30 PM Lunch at Mary's Taco

1303 Avenue E, Shiner, TX 77984

5:00 PM Meet and Greet Happy Hour

6:00 PM Pot Luck Finger Foods 7:00 PM Games of your choice

#### Nov 19 – Saturday

9:00 AM Coffee and Breakfast Burritos

Morning exploring on your own or make Christmas Gnomes with us

3:00 PM Texas Thanksgiving\*

5:00 PM Installation of 2023 officers 7:00 PM Games of your choice

#### Nov 20 – Sunday

8:30 AM Coffee and Donuts; Clean-Up

See you at the next stop!

# \*Texas Thanksgiving Menu will feature:

- ♦ Michek's BBQ Brisket
- ♦ Ebbers' Smoked Turkey or Pork Ribs
- Mashed Potatoes
- Roasted Sweet Potatoes
- Grimes' Southwest Cornbread Dressing
- Green Bean Casserole
- Rolls
- Creamed Spinach
- Marek's Pecan and Pumpkin Pies







# **TEXAS HILL COUNTRY UNIT 104**

Cordially invites you to our

# **THCU Annual Holiday Luncheon**

WHEN: DECEMBER 17, 2022 AT 11:15 AM



MARBLE FALLS TX / SINCE 2003

700 1st St, Marble Falls, TX 78654

Please R.S.V.P. by December 12, 2022 to

Bob Grimes at txairstreamer@gmail.com

#### Additional Information:

- Everyone will order off their menu and pay separately. There will be a 20% gratuity included since our group will be large.
- If you would like to participate in a white elephant gift exchange, please bring a gift (\$20 limit). Each participant can participate and bring a gift, not just by rig. This is always a lot of fun and laughs.









#### **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

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 08 Sheryl Wylie
- 11 Joyce Schwerdfeger
- 20 Jim Schwerdfeger
- 22 Katy Bonugli



# **New members:**

- ⇒ Billie Jo Sage and Earl Kohlhoff
- ⇒ Felicia and Kevin Johnson

# New affiliate members:

- ⇒ Timothy and Diane Sweeney
- ⇒ Tracy and Rick Elkins
- ⇒ Christina and Billy Nabors



Oct 06 Joe Long and Gayle Ketchum

Oct 11 Austin Lucas and Elexa Fischer

Oct 15 Carlos and Cheryl Fernandez



⇒ 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 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.

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
Top of the Hill RV Resort & Cab-	This rally has been cancelled.
12 Cedar Rd, Boerne, TX 830-537-3666	
Streamin' on the Strand Galveston, TX	Email Philip Vasquez at pdvasquez@outlook.com
Bay View RV Resort 5451 Hwy 35 North, Rockport, TX 78382	Hosts: Charlie Williams & Carol Wallace and Doug & Sheryl Wylie
<del>(361) 400 6000</del>	Call to reserve your spot, \$45 per night—no credit cards (cash/check only). Let them know you are with the THCU Airstream Club.
Region 9 Rally Mineola, TX	Region 9 officers
Skyline RV Park 2231 Hwy 16 N. Bandera, TX	Hosts: Bob & Jan Grimes and Doug & Sheryl Wylie
<del>830-796-4958</del>	Call to reserve your spot, \$43 per night if we get 10 rigs, otherwise \$46 per night.
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
Fryeburg, ME	International Officers
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.
Brazos Valley RV Park	Hosts: Dave Toy and Joane Ermis
979-200-3007	Call to reserve your spot, \$35 per night
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
Schulenburg RV Park 65 N Kessler Ave. Schulenburg. TX	Hosts: Ed & Yvonne Michek and Tim & Ally Ebbers
78956 979-743-4388	Email Micheks/Ebbers if you plan to attend. Each night is \$35 per site
Holiday Luncheon @ River City Grille Marble Falls 700 1st St, Marble Falls, TX 78654	RSVP with Bob Grimes by 12/12/2022.
	Oakwood RV Park 78 FM 2093, Fredericksburg, TX 830-997-9817  Top of the Hill RV Resort & Cabins 12 Cedar Rd, Boerne, TX 830-537-3666  Streamin' on the Strand Galveston, TX  Bay View RV Resort 5451 Hwy 35 North, Rockport, TX 78382 (361) 400-6000  Region 9 Rally Mincola, TX  Skyline RV Park 2231 Hwy 16 N, Bandera, TX 830-796-4958  Big Chief RV Park 1420 FM 690, Burnet, TX 512-793-4746  Fryeburg, ME  Mid Year Luncheon at Black's BBQ in Lockhart TX  Brazos Valley RV Park 2190 TX-21, Caldwell, TX 979-200-3007  Big Chief RV Park 1420 FM 690, Burnet, TX 512-793-4746  Schulenburg RV Park 65 N Kessler Ave, Schulenburg, TX 78956 979-743-4388  Holiday Luncheon @ River City Grille Marble Falls

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# THCU Rally Schedule 2023

Below is the 2023 Tentative Rally schedule for THCU. Some dates and hosts have not been determined. Please consider hosting an event. You don't know how? WE WILL help!

Date	Location	Comments
January TBD	San Saba City RV Park	
February TBD	SandPiper RV in Galveston	
March 28-Apr 02	Region 9 Rally Gonzales, TX	
Apr 20-23	Traveler's World RV Resort https://www.sunoutdoors.com/ texas/travelers-world-rv-resort	This is the first weekend of Fiesta and will book quickly. You will/should make your reservations as soon as possible. As of 10/26 there are 63 back in sites @ 69/nite and 15 pull through sites at 76/nite.  Since this is Fiesta San Antonio, there will be no rally room and the activities will consist of going to Fiesta.
May 18-21	Airport Park Lake Waco 4600 Skeet Eason Rd Waco, TX 76708	Group site has been booked. Once group site is filled, others will need to make own reservations from www.recreation.gov
June 28- July 01 International	International Rock Springs, WY	
August TBD	Mid Year Luncheon	
September TBD	Lake Brownwood 200 Park Road 15 Brownwood, TX 76801	
October TBD	Schitz Creek Distillery 101 County Road 257 Liberty Hill, TX 78642	This will be a boondocking event. There is a limit on the number of rigs. This will be like a Harvest Host except with a bunch of Airstreams!
November TBD Thanksgiving and Installation rally	Brazos Vally RV Park 2190 TX-21, Caldwell, TX 979-200-3007	
December	Holiday Luncheon; location TBD	

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