

President's Message

While the calendar year is rapidly coming to a close, the 2022 Rally year for the Texas Hill Country Unit (THCU) has ended, with our final rally this past weekend in Schulenburg, TX. This rally also served as the installation rally for new THCU officers for 2023. Charlie Williams, who has served as unit President for 2022 was recognized for his work and contributions this past year by Doug Wylie, who is a Past President of this unit many times over, as well as Past President of Region 9 of WBCCI. Don't worry, Charlie isn't going anywhere, except to future rallies with his lovely lady, Carol. Doug formally installed officers for the coming year as follows; Bob Grimes, President; Tim Ebbers, 1st Vice President; Mike Green, 2nd Vice President; Dan Marek and David Toy as 2 year Directors; Ed Michek and Joanne Ermis as 1 year directors; Zephyr Marek as Treasurer; Yvonne Michek as Membership Chair; Carol Wallace as Recording and Corresponding Secretary; and Ally Ebbers as Communications Chair and Newsletter Editor. Co-hosts for this Rally, Ally and Tim Ebbers, and Yvonne and Ed Michek coordinated a great event and Thanksgiving feast.

For those new to THCU in 2022, and there are 36 new household members this year, Jan and I have been unit members for 10 years. I have served as a director, Membership Chair, and 1st VP over the past years, and serve on the WBCCI Foundation, a national non-profit charitable organization funded by Airstream Owners. You'll hear more about that from me as the year progresses. I look forward to acting as your President for the coming year, and we have developed what I think is an awesome schedule of rallies, as attached with this newsletter. This is a social club, our sole purpose is to get together periodically (usually monthly), enjoy our shared interest in all things Airstream, to travel, and have fun together. Our success rests flatly with each of us as volunteers willing to help monthly events be successful. Such was our Schulenburg Rally, with 21 members present.

The year holds one more event, our annual Christmas Luncheon and White Elephant Gift Exchange. There is a \$20 limit per gift per participating person, and those who bring wrapped gifts will have the fun! This year, on December 17th, meeting at 11:15 AM (to beat the Saturday rush), at River City Grille in Marble Falls. For new members, this is a great opportunity to meet a bunch 'o unit members, without having to spend a weekend with 'em! Seriously, it's a fun bunch, and we hope to convince you to participate in as many 2023 events as you wish. If you are committing to attending the luncheon, send me an email no later than December 10th, with your name and # attending. I need to provide the restaurant with a head count. We already have 20 signed up (there is no limit!). We will order from the menu individually, and due to the group size, there will be an automatic 20% gratuity per check.

Our group is growing; welcome to our new members, Julie Bratvold, Jerry and Patti Phillippe, Celia and Stephen Drews. We also want to welcome Terry and Benson Sheally as affiliate members to THCU. Welcome and hope to see you at the holiday luncheon.



Again, I and the rest of the THCU Unit Officers look forward to serving the membership in 2023. Feel free to contact me at any time with questions....email is txairstreamer@gmail.com, and my cell is 210-722-1080. Cheers, and the very best for the holiday season!

Bob Grimes
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Pictured above is Bob Grimes, president with his lovely wife, 1st lady, Jan Grimes

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November 2022 Rally in Pictures:

Attendees of this rally are Bob and Jan Grimes, Dave Toy, Jerry and Theresa Davis, Dan and Zephyr Marek, Lois Muir and Dick Fletcher, Mike and Pat Green, Yvonne and Ed Michek, and Tim and Allison Ebbers. Attending on Saturday were Charlie Williams and Carol Wallace, Doug and Sheryl Wylie and their daughters Shannon and Sandy Wylie.



Pics of the park and from Thursday night potluck. There was a lot of great food like fresh greens, squash casserole, homemade tomato soup, sweet meatballs, and frito pie. It wasn't all desserts this time (haha).



November 2022 Rally in Pictures: Photos from the Spoetzl Brewery. This is a family owned craft brewery. Tasting was included in the tour price. Austin was awesome as our tour guide. More pics on the THCU Facebook page





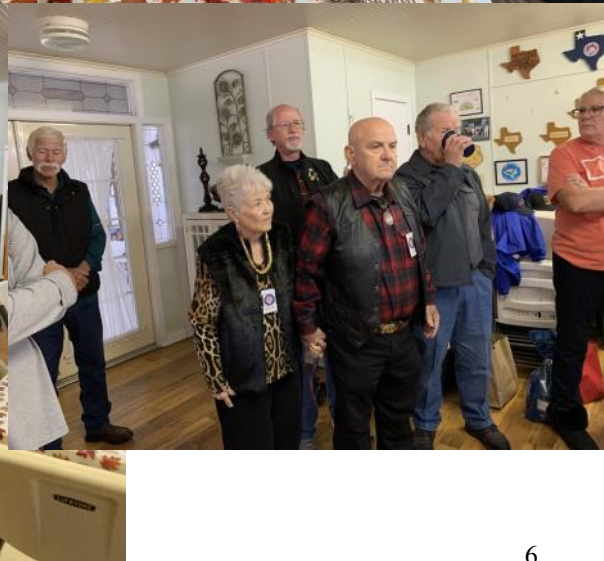
November 2022 Rally in Pictures: *Photos from a special catered lunch at Mari's Tacos in Shiner, TX. Food was super awesome (homemade flour and corn tortillas!) and we had the place all to ourselves. Thank you Dan and Zephyr for such an awesome treat!!*

Very bottom picture is after we were stuffed and includes Mari and her son



November 2022 Rally in Pictures: *Photos from craft time featuring the gnomes. Thank you Ed and Yvonne for teaching us how to make these adorable guys. More photos are on the THCU Facebook page.*





November 2022 Rally in Pictures: *Photos from Installation. Charlie's last task as President was to officially welcome Theresa and Jerry Davis to the group. Special thank you to Doug Wylie and family for taking the time to come out and make this happen!!*





Minutes from the rally at Schulenburg, TX

- ◆ Bob Grimes called the meeting to order
- ◆ Zephyr read the treasurers report, voted to approve and seconded.
- ◆ Ally gave old business report
 - ◆ 2023 rally list, voted and approved.
- ◆ New business:
 - ◆ Bob Grimes walked through the 2023 THCU rally schedule. Most hosting slots are filled. Need host(s) for next year's Thanksgiving Installation rally.
 - ◆ There was additional interest in Region 9 rally information such as cost, activities, etc.
 - ◆ Additional interest with International. Registration is online at Air-streamClub.org. Interest in a caravan to RockSprings. Will need to know who is going to see if there's enough interest in a caravan.
- ◆ Meeting closed, motion by Bob Grimes and seconded by Jan Grimes. Let's eat!!



2023 THCU Officers

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| ◆ President: Bob Grimes | ◆ 1 year director: Ed Michek and Joanne Ermis |
| ◆ 1 st VP: Tim Ebbers | ◆ 2 year director: Dan Marek and Dave Toy |
| ◆ 2 nd VP: Michael Green | ◆ Newsletter: Ally Ebbers |
| ◆ Corresponding & recording secretary: Carol Wallace | ◆ Web Master: Tim Ebbers |
| ◆ Treasurer: Zephyr Marek | |
| ◆ Membership chairman: Yvonne Michek | |

From left to right...Michael Green (2nd VP), Tim Ebbers (1st VP/Webmaster), Ally Ebbers (Newsletter Editor), Dan Marek (2-Yr Director), Charlie Willams (Past President), Carol Williams (Corresponding and Recording Secretary and Past 1st Lady), Bob Grimes (President), Jan Grimes (1st Lady Extraordinaire), Doug Wylie (Past...everything even at the region level), Dave Toy (2-Yr Director), Zephyr Marek (Treasurer), Ed Michek (1-Yr Director), Yvonne Michek (Membership Chairman) and Joanne Ermis (1-Yr Director)



Jan's Cornbread Stuffing (Grimes family favorite!)

This is one of the dishes served on Saturday. I've never had it before and thought it was better than the traditional stuffing. Really delicious!

Ingredients

Cornbread (day-old) (use whatever cornbread mix/recipe the day before)

1 lb Breakfast Sausage

1 Stick unsalted butter

3-4 stalks celery, chopped

1 chopped medium/large onion

dried herb seasoned stuffing 12-16 oz box

2 eggs

2-4 cups of chicken broth

fresh sage between 1 tsp to 1 tbsp (optional)

salt/pepper to taste

1. Make cornbread the day before.
2. Break up cornbread into a casserole dish (9x12).
3. Cook and brown breakfast sausage. Set aside.
4. Melt butter in the pan and add onions and celery until onions is translucent. Add to the sausage and set aside.
5. Add stuffing to the casserole dish until you have a 50/50 mix of cornbread to stuffing. If you want more stuffing, add more..if you want less, do less. You may not use the whole box/bag of stuffing.
6. Beat eggs in a bowl and pour this over the cornbread/stuffing mix in casserole dish. Add the cooked sausage/celery/onion mix. Add salt/pepper and sage to your taste and preference.
7. Pour about half the chicken broth to the casserole dish and mix. Check it out and if you want more wet dressing add more chicken broth. This will depend on your preference.
8. Preheat oven 350 degrees fahrenheit. Cover the casserole with foil and bake for about 45-50 mins. Take out the casserole and uncover. Cook for another 5-10 minutes until it starts browning on top.

Note: If fresh sage is not available and you want to add, use 1/2 tsp to 1 tsp dried.

Classic Savory Deviled Eggs

Lois Muir made these delicious snacks. It is a little different from the traditional Deviled Eggs, but are really delicious. Recipe from AllRecipes: [Classic Savory Deviled Eggs Recipe \(allrecipes.com\)](https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/11972/classic-savory-deviled-eggs/)

Ingredients

6 hard-cooked eggs, halved

¼ cup mayonnaise

1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar

½ teaspoon chopped fresh dill (Optional)

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

¼ teaspoon garlic powder

⅛ teaspoon salt

12 sprigs fresh dill (Optional)

Directions

Scoop egg yolks into a bowl and set egg whites aside. Mash yolks, mayonnaise, vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon chopped dill, Dijon mustard, garlic powder, and salt. Spoon yolk mixture into egg whites. Garnish with dill sprigs. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

▲ TEXAS HILL COUNTRY UNIT 104

Cordially invites you to our

THCU Annual Holiday Luncheon

WHEN: DECEMBER 17, 2022 AT 11:15 AM



700 1st St, Marble Falls, TX 78654

Please R.S.V.P. by December 10, 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.



NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 01 Andrea Coldwell
- 07 Pat Green
- 12 Joe Long
- 13 Austin Lucas
- 22 Lois Muir
- 23 John Blackhall
- 25 Gerald Davis
- 27 Becky Blackhall
- 29 Yvonne Michek
- 30 Wayne Gosnel

welcome

New members:

- ⇒ Julie Bratvold
- ⇒ Jerry and Patti Phillippe
- ⇒ Celia and Stephen Drews

New affiliate members:

- ⇒ Terry and Benson Sheally



- Dec 28 Linda Esper and Mickey Finch
- Dec 31 Michael Stanley and Bonnie Stanley
- Dec 31 Wayne Gosnell and Martha Gosnell

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.



Website: <https://airstreamclub.org/TexasHillCountry>
THCU President: txairstreamer@gmail.com
Facebook Page: Texas Hill Country Unit



THCU Rally Schedule 2023

Date	Location	Comments
Dec 17, 2022	River City Grille 200 1st St, Marble Falls, TX 78654	Please R.S.V.P. by December 10, 2022 to Bob Grimes at txairstreamer@gmail.com
2023 Schedule		
Jan 19-22	San Saba City RV Park & Golf Course 723 CR 102, San Saba, TX 325-372-3212	Eight sites being held until 1/10/23. Make reservation and advise Bob Grimes for head count
Feb 16-19	Lake Brownwood State Park 200 Park Road 15 Brownwood, TX 76801 www.reserveamerica.com	Council Bluff Loop.
Mar 28-Apr 02	Region 9 Rally JB WELLS PARK, ARENA & EXPO 2301 County Road 191 Gonzales, TX	See flyer (next page) for additional information. Registration link will come later - probably around Dec 1st. This is a full hookup camping experience.
Apr 20-23	Traveler's World RV Resort 2617 Roosevelt Ave. San Antonio 78214 210-532-8310; 844-726-2450	This is the FIRST WEEKEND OF FIESTA and will book quickly. You will/should make your reservations ASAP. As of 10/26 there are 63 back in sites @ 69/nite and 15 pull through sites at 76/nite. Since this is Fiesta , activities will consist of going related activities and local site-seeing.
May 18-21	Airport Park Lake Waco 4600 Skeet Eason Rd Waco, TX 76708	Group site has been booked with 7 sites. If you want to book one of the 7 sites, please let Bob Grimes know. It is FCFB (first-come-first-book). Once group site is filled and you want to attend this rally, you will need to make own reservations from www.recreation.gov
Jun 28– Jul 01 International	International Rock Springs, WY	There may be a caravan going to International. If interested, please contact Bob Grimes or Ally Ebbers.
Aug TBD	Mid Year Luncheon	
Sep 17-22	Big Bend Caravan Roadrunner RV Park 23315 FM 170 Terlingua, TX 79852 432-466-1036	Depart Saturday 9/16, overnight in general Ft. Stockton area, arrive in Terlingua Sunday 9/17. Five nights, four days on site, head home 9/22. You can caravan or go at your own pace. Current rate \$55/ nite. September average low 58, average high 78.
Oct 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. Dates and Registration info to follow.
Nov 16-19 Thanksgiving and Installation rally	Brazos Valley RV Park 2190 TX-21, Caldwell, TX 979-200-3007	Subject to change based on 2023 A&M football schedule
Dec TBD	Holiday Luncheon; location TBD	



Registration Opening Soon



**\$210 Parking Fee + \$135/adult +\$40/teen 13-16
(Youth 12 and under are free)**

Full Hook-ups/50 amp

**Golf Scramble – Spoetzl Brewery Tour – Painted Churches
Golf Cart Transportation Available to Expo Center
Kayak/Canoe on Guadalupe River – Texas History Storytelling
Come and Take It Cannon Museum Tour & Catered Lunch
Clinics for New Airstream Owners – Club Officers' Training
Chili Cook-off – Daily Breakfasts – Steak Night
Margarita Welcome Party – BBQ & Boot Scootin' – Ice Cream
Free Time for Shopping/Touring/Biking**

A Region 9 Update – Newsletter for November 2022

Nancy Fitzgerald, #223 - Region 9 President

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Change. That's the topic for this communication. Change in local club leadership is happening. Congratulations and thank you to the outgoing leaders and welcome to the new leadership stepping forward across our Region 9. We are still waiting for our 2nd VP to step forward and serve on the Region leadership team! And Tracy Elkins would love to talk to you about serving as a Special or Standing Committee member. What is your skill? Organizing? Technical? Social Media? Photography? Fund Raising? Why not be a part of the changes that are sweeping across our Airstream Clubs at all levels?

Change is happening with the way we secure future leadership potential at the International level. We all know about the changes from this summer and moving from Executive Committee to Executive Council and increasing the years of service from one to two. The IBT voted November 17 to develop a Recruitment Oversight Standing Committee in partnership with Club Headquarters to develop an ongoing leadership recruitment process for Executive Council candidates. The process should be an engaging, repeatable, and consistent multi-media marketing plan inviting any WBCCI member to become a candidate for potential election to the Council. What this means is we will have many candidates to choose from for leadership roles and not a slate of officers presented via a Nominating Committee. The priority is on skills and talents and not necessarily length of service at local then regional levels before being considered viable candidates at the International level. Think of all our Region 9 leaders of caravans, rallies, and events who have not served at the Region leadership level or possibly even the local level, yet their wealth of work experience more than qualifies them to serve on the Executive Council. That is a shift in thinking about the leadership skills needed for WBCCI. Executive Council is a two-year commitment. Many members may want to share talents and skills for shorter periods of time as well.

How do you feel about the change for 2024 International Rally dates? We have long suffered in summer heat, and the IBT voted to host the 2024 Rally in Sedalia MO in early October instead of traditional summer months. But the 66th Airstream Rally, Rolling to Rock Springs WY will be in the summer. It is June 24-30, 2023, and will be separated from the IBT meetings. This means no business and more fun. That's another change for WBCCI. Quarterly Zoom meetings have taken the place of the annual IBT meetings held during the International Rally.

Have you taken advantage of the Campfire Chats that President Eric McHenry and Corporate Manager, Lori Plummer are hosting quarterly? These series of informal Zoom-based chats offer all members updates about Club activities and initiatives, questions and answers to inquiries from members, and a forum for suggestions and ideas for the Club. It is easy to access via the airstreamclub.org site under Events link. The next Campfire Chat is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 7 pm EST.

Finally, as of November, headquarters tells us there are 9,218 memberships - a 21-year high. We are maintaining an average of almost 50 new members per week. New members bring change and a rapidly spreading age range of Airstreamers will demand change. Perhaps that's why our Intra-Clubs have expanded, and new Interest Clubs are popping up as we look for what brings us together and not what separates us. It is an exciting time to be an Airstreamer, especially in Region 9.

Don't forget to save the date – Region Rally in Gonzales TX March 28-April 2, 2023, at JB Wells Expo Center – “Come and Stream It!”