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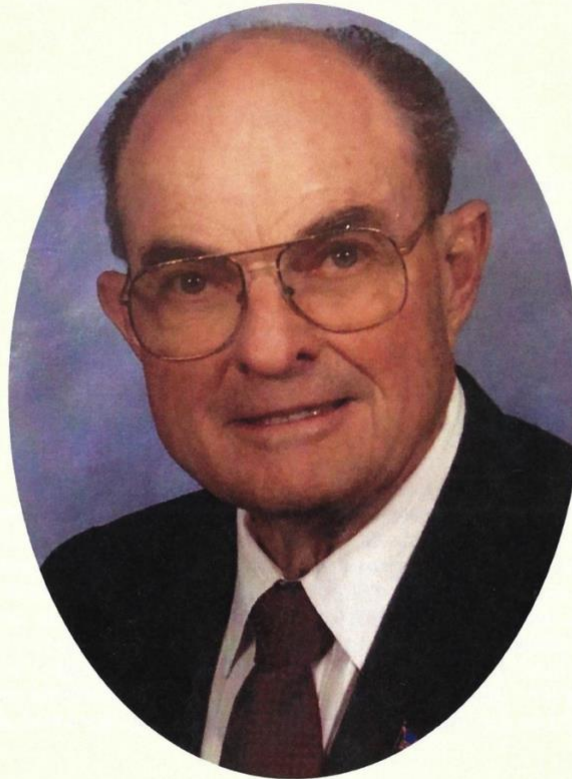


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October 2022

A Celebration of the Life of
Vernon Harrison Goodwin, Jr.



*Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
Saturday, October 15, 2022*



President's Message

We lost a dear GHAC member this past month. I did not know him like some of you did, but he was held in high esteem as a person by all who did know him. That is the kind life that we all strive for. Being a great friend, parent and someone who was able leave this world better from being in it. I will add in his short Bio from the church bulletin here.

Vern passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 2, 2022. He was 98 years young.

Vern was the beloved husband of the late Jamye Everitt Goodwin; father to Vernon III, Michael, and Jerry; grandfather to Gregory, Robert, Andrew, Jason and Stephen; great-grandfather to Juliana, Austin, Riley, and Hazel. Born in Arlington, TX to Vernon Sr. and Odie Hiatt Goodwin, he was the fifth of eight children and oldest son. He had four older sisters, Virginia, Rebecca, Sterling, Beverly and three younger brothers, Jimmy, Johnny, and Donald.

A WW2 veteran, he was a B-25 command pilot in the Army Air Corps but was mustered out in his final days of training when the war ended.

Immediately entering Texas A&M College on the G.I. Bill, he earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering after which he joined Humble Oil & Refining Co. at their Baytown refinery. He spent the remainder of his 30-year career working for Exxon in various executive positions from New York to Houston. A devoted dad, he was a long time Scout leader and taught his sons the joys of outdoor activities.

Following retirement in 1979, he spent the remainder of his life as a member of the Wally Byam Airstream Club where he and Jamye traveled in their Airstream to virtually every National Park in the continental USA and Alaska. As a member of WBAC and the Greater Houston Airstream Club for 42-years, he volunteered his time and many talents in various capacities all the way to becoming national club President in 1995-96. He continued contributing as a member of the Past International President's council to this day.

At the time of his passing, he was still an active member of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Vern's memory to the Caring Forever Foundation at MDUMC.

Officiant

Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson
Dr. H. Eugene Cragg

Organist

Mr. Stephen Distad



MEMORIAL DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Brad Morgan, Senior Pastor
12955 Memorial Drive | Houston, TX 77079
713-468-8356 | mdumc.org

Dear G.H.A.C.,

Thank you for the kind and generous gift to the Caring Forever Foundation, in Dad's memory.

During a time like this
we learn how much our friends
and relatives really mean to us.
Your expression of sympathy will
always be treasured.

The Goodwin Family



Lake Somerville State Park



We had a rally at Lake Somerville State Park. It was a “wing-it” (No Host) rally. It was a great spot. We had a rally room and 14 camp sites in our own private circle. Most arrived Thursday with others arriving Friday and even one rig on Saturday. We ate at Mama’s Kitchen on Friday night. The food was great, plenty and relatively cheap. We did have to chase a smoker away in our own private dining area. We had happy hour on Friday and Saturday. We did a potluck dinner Saturday evening followed by the RWB drawing. There was a craft activity Saturday afternoon. Saturday, we enjoyed watching the Astros shutting out the Yankees in game 3 of the ALCS.

We had a sad loss during this rally, The Billards lost their precious family member, their dog Nikki.

Thank you, Carrie, for getting the room set up and Co-Hosting with Tracy.

Sunday morning the Big Bend Caravan took off, and the rest of us left the campground leisurely.



Tracy made Jell-O shots and cupcakes



Mama's Kitchen.



Cinnamon rolls by Tracy for breakfast



Crafts



Astros game



Smores roasting

Members in attendance:

- | | | | | | |
|----------|---------|--------|---------------------|-----|--------|
| Iversen | Billard | Hansen | Lyddon | Lee | Harris |
| McMurphy | Taroni | | Isaacson and Howell | | Corley |



Pot luck

Remember:

Signing up on [Jotform November Rally](#) from the GHAC website is how you pay your rally fees (meaning mostly meals).

Anyone wanting to attend the November Rally will register on JotForm only. The Elkins have reserved the spots for camping, and you will pay when you get there for the camping fees only.

It's not the destination, but the journey.

Michael and Carrie Iversen



Justin Hargadine is planning a caravan in the fall of 2023. Here is his preliminary flyer.

ARKANSAS CARAVAN – FALL 2023



Hi there! My name is Justin Hargadine, and I haven't met any of you yet, but I'm hoping to attend a rally soon (the renovations to my Airstream are taking longer than anticipated.) I am planning a two-week trip to Arkansas for the Fall of 2023 to see the colors change. I went too early the last trip I made so I only saw a fraction of the colors, but I'm hoping next year is different! Below is the tentative schedule. I'm open to suggestions and obviously you don't have to commit to the whole two weeks.

Oct. 14 through Oct. 21 – Lake Catherine State Park.

This park has sites with 30amp connections and no sewer as well as 50amp connections with sewer. It's located just outside of Hot Springs so there are plenty of things to do. Catherine's Landing RV Park is also nearby if people would rather stay in that type of environment. Arkansas State Parks allow you to book a reservation a year in advance from the date of your checkout. It's a very popular time of year so book ASAP if you are even remotely interested. Arkansas State Parks have a very lenient cancellation policy. I don't know how much color will be on the trees at this point, but I like Hot Springs and work remotely so I figured I might as well make a stop on the way to Petit Jean.

Oct. 21 through Oct. 28 – Petit Jean State Park.

This park has the same connections as Lake Catherine. There are a few RV parks located within 30 minutes of the park, but I don't know anything about them. The views from some of the trails are spectacular. Mount Magazine State Park (pictured above) is located about an hour away and would make a great day trip. The colors during this time should be close to their peak.

As I mentioned before, I work remotely and plan to work a good portion of this trip. I intentionally made the travel days over weekends for this reason. This would be a great trip for anyone else who has the ability to work remotely! My phone number is (979) 450-6275. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Below are more details and a list of things to do:

- Both state parks are \$23 a night for 30amp sites and \$36 a night for 50amp/sewer site
- Both parks have great hiking trails. Hot Springs National Park is near Lake Catherine State Park as well.
- Hot Springs is known for its bathhouses. There are two currently operating:
<https://www.buckstaffbaths.com/>
<https://www.quapawbaths.com/>
- Numerous breweries, distilleries, etc. in Hot Springs. A few options:
<https://www.superiorbathhouse.com/>
<https://crystalridgedistillery.com/>

I also plan to drive some scenic highways and byways to take full advantage of the fall colors. My goal for this trip isn't to be a tourist and do everything there is to do. It's to take a step back from my normal routine, be in nature, and sit by the fire with a good glass of bourbon.

Upcoming Rallies



GREATER HOUSTON AIRSTREAM CLUB
HARVEST Rally
NOV 10-13

MAGNOLIA RV PARK
791 FM 2665, GOODRICH, TX 77335
(936) 365-4910
[HTTPS://WWW.MRVPAK.COM/.](https://www.mrvpark.com/)

Sign Up at
[HTTPS://AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG/GHAC-2022-NOVEMBER-RALLY](https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-2022-november-rally)

RALLY FEE \$14 PER PERSON
CAMPSITE \$35 / NIGHT - 50A - FHU

MEALS AT THE RALLYROOM

- THURSDAY CHECK IN/SET UP
5 PM HAPPY HOUR / DINNER ON YOUR OWN
- FRIDAY 8 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
5 PM HAPPY HOUR - APPETIZERS & DINNER BY HOSTS
- SATURDAY 8 AM BREAKFAST
5 PM HAPPY HOUR - BRING APPETIZERS TO SHARE & POTLUCK DUTCH OVEN / CROCKPOT DINNER
HOSTS WILL FURNISH PASTA SALAD & DESSERT
- SUNDAY TOWNUTS

RALLY EVENTS

Send your childhood photo to
Tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com for a photo guessing game

- FRIDAY - 2 PM - TECH TALK - HOW ABOUT THOSE BRAKES OR LET'S GET CRAFTING
- SATURDAY - 1 PM - DUTCH OVEN (OR CROCKPOT)
EVERYONE BRING YOUR EQUIPMENT AND INGREDIENTS FOR AN ENTREE OR SIDE TO PREPARE & SHARE FOR DINNER.

Sunday - Devotional & Veteran's Recognition

HOSTS:
RICK & TRACY ELKINS - #9713
DAN & LISA SCHWARZ - #5404

- Campground Rally Rate - \$35/night - Pay At Checkin
- GHAC Rally Fee - \$14/person
- Register <https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-2022-november-rally>
- Send a photo of a younger you to tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com before the Rally for the Photo Match Game!
- This is a Buddy Rally where non-Airstreams (SOB) can come, so invite your other camping buddies along!
- Bring your Plates, Utensils & Drinks to all Meals in the Rally Room!
- Raffle Tickets for Team Red White & Blue are \$1 ea or 6 for \$5
- Bring your aluminum can tabs for the Collection
- Want to get involved? Rally Hosts needed for 2023!
Hosts: Rick & Tracy Elkins (713-859-5939 or 281-725-1672)
Co-Host: Dan & Lisa Schwartz

December Rally
December 29, 2022, - January 1, 2023
Coushatta Recreation Ranch
2812 Nelius Road
Bellville, TX 77418

Expected rally will be about \$17 per adult, but we are still working out a few details
Site (camping) fee at Coushatta is \$30/night payable by cash, check or credit card. Call the Ranch to
reserve 979-865-5897

Expected Rally Agenda

Thursday, Dec. 29: Early arrivers' day

5:00 pm – Happy Hour. Bring your preferred beverage and a snack to share

6:00 pm – Prepare your own meal

7:30 pm - Participate in a murder mystery game

Friday, Dec. 30: After Christmas Gift Exchange

8:00 am – Continental breakfast

5:00 pm - Happy Hour. Bring your preferred beverage. Odd rigs please bring a snack to share

6:00 pm – Dinner. Presented by your hosts (TBD)

7:30 pm – Annual GHAC Gift Exchange. This year you can wrap one of those Christmas gifts
you weren't too fond of

Saturday, Dec. 31: GHAC Officer Installation Day

8:00 am – breakfast

5:00 pm - Happy Hour. Bring your preferred beverage. Even rigs please bring a snack to share.

Also RWB raffle during happy hour

6:00 pm – Dinner. Presented by your hosts (TBD)

7:30 pm – Officer Installation and Reception

12:00 am – ring in the New Year (this could be moved up to 11 pm)

Sunday, Jan. 1: For those sober enough, departure day

8:00 am – Continental breakfast

9:00 am – Short devotional

If this event is of interest to you and you think you might attend, please respond to this email
address -> [Bruce Lee](#). That's all you have to do for now, but try to respond by Oct. 1, 2022 so
appropriate plans can be made.

2022 GHAC Rally Schedule							
Event	Date	Place	Address	Phone		Host	Cohost
Annual Luncheon	1/22/22						
Valentines Rally	2/10-13/22	Galveston RV resort	6310 Heard's 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				
Labor Day Rally	9/8-11/22	On the Lake RV Resort	15152 US Highway 190 West 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	Coushatta Recreation Ranch	4029 Clay Ranch Ln, Bellville	979-865-5897			

Airstream Club Websites- Just so you don't forget

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

We had "new" members Amber & Paul Corley.

I will include their Bio in the next newsletter.

They have been full timing for a while.

Check out their website www.livingthedolife.com



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

Most important, be of good cheer and have fun!

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

By Carol Goodwin

“When Black Cats Prowl
And Pumpkins Gleam,
May Luck Be Yours
On Halloween.”
-Unknown

MEMBER CONCERNS

Please keep the following GHAC members in your thoughts and prayers:

Jack Williams who is having surgery. And, Valerie Melgares whose brother is very ill.

My family recently lost our family patriarch and GHAC mentor, Vernon (Vern) Goodwin, Jr. I’ve included the front and back page of the church bulletin celebrating his life at the end of this article. It shows his picture and a biography of his life. A life well lived. We would like to thank everyone who expressed their condolences to us, sent cards and flowers, and came to his visitation and service. Your loving thoughts and prayers are truly appreciated.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Terah Isaacson & Lee Howell
Sherryl & Mike Simon
Felicia & David Petit

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Ann Boerner October 1
Mary Etta Zander October 3
John Boerner October 5
Rae Gilbert October 5
Till Brown October 7
Shareece Dumont October 9
Terry Fuselier October 9
Pamela Alley October 14
Alan Billard October 17
Pam Breeding October 19
Katheryn Bautsch October 22
Brett Buckley October 26
Kathy Spillman October 29
Nancy Childers October 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Carol & Pete Baker October 20, 1962

If you haven't seen your birthday or your wedding anniversary mentioned in any of our newsletters, it's probably because we don't have your information. If you would like to be included, please email these dates to me at cgoodwin7@comcast.net . Thanks!

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
Treasurer	Jerry Lyddon	7746
Assistant Treasurer	Caren Bundy	2835
Trustee 2 Years	Debbie Pfunder	2646
Trustee 2 Years	Daniel Schwarz	5404
Trustee 1 Year	Jose Melgares	7049
Trustee 1 Year	Jerry Goodwin	1131
Parliamentarian	Joanne Miller	212
Immediate Past President	Bruce Lee	5461

Committee Chairpersons:

Caravan	John Sheridan	1326
Constitution & Bylaws	Bruce Lee	5461
Crafts & Projects	Carol Goodwin	1131
Directory Editor	Tracy Elkins	9713
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.

Bob Jones

RV REPAIRS &
SERVICE

GOT A PROBLEM? WE
CAN FIX IT

We also install Blue Ox tow-bars

Call Bob or Chris at

713-910-2949



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!**