



# COYOTE TALES



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## **(Past)President's Message**

Installation Rally done. Change of officers done. All my goals I had last year, not done. As has become the norm, nothing is normal anymore. I guess we will not be going back to the old normal. We will have the new normal, which is very dynamic, but was life ever not unpredictable and dynamic before? I'd say it was, but we were used to the old "dynamic". It is all lessons learned in life. I'd say it is all good.

We have many new members; it is great to see this new influx. Carrie and I are coming up on getting our first star next year, meaning 5 years in the club, and we have met so many wonderful people during this time. This certainly is one of great constants in this club.

I see our club growing and evolving, which is life. I welcome the enjoyment of growth in our life. Sometimes it comes with a jolt and sometimes so slow it is almost seemingly like "this how it has always been". So, the truth of nothing is new under the sun shines again.

I feel relief of this year passing; therefore, I can banter a bit. I must admit, I did not feel totally amiss wearing a club Polo shirt at the installation, although Dan and I had a small connotational conflict on what constitute casual attire. This is certainly a trend debated across our club. Trust me, it was not intentional, but it shows us that all club activities can progress and still be faithful to fulfill its purpose.

So, it with much respect that I pass this newsletter on to Dan and Maria McAnulty. We are in very capable hands in the slate of our leadership roster going forward.

Thank you allowing me to President for a year and putting up with me.

It's not the destination, but the journey.

Michael and Carrie Iversen



Please don't forget to [sign up for annual luncheon](#) on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 AM. It will be at the Kingwood Country Club. GHAC has subsidized the fees, so it is only \$35 a person.

## **December Rally**

### **Coushatta Recreation Ranch – Bellville, TX**

#### **By Bruce Lee and Leslie Spilman**

Thirteen rigs journeyed to Coushatta Recreation Ranch to celebrate the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023. We also installed new officers for GHAC and had a belated Christmas gift exchange. Rally hosts Bruce Lee and Leslie Spilman arrived Wednesday along with Natalie Garrett and Paul Evens. This gave the hosts a chance to unload the Airstream and begin setting up the rally room.

On Thursday we were joined by our co-host Tom Harris along with Rick & Tracy Elkins, James & Lisa Feine, John & Terry Fuselier, Michael & Carrie Iversen, Tom & Vicky Ketchum and Rick & Laurie Vice. Some of the people arriving were able to practice their 3-point turning skills as they encountered bridge construction on one of the entrance roads to the RV park. Most of the day was spent completing the rally room decorations and getting everyone settled into their parking spot. Everyone provided their own dinner that night and then we settled into sharpening our detective skills by trying to solve a murder cold case. Super sleuths Tracy Elkins, Terry Fuselier and Tom Harris were able to take the given clues and ascertain the killer of Jane Doe. I think even Dan McAnulty would have been impressed by their detective work.

Friday the following people arrived: John & Deborah Davis and their daughter Rachel, Ken & Lia Laney, Jerry & Iren Lyddon and Dan & Maria McAnulty. John Fuselier set up his corn hole game and several of us practiced our tossing skills. Others spent time touring Bellville and the surrounding area. Despite the fact that Coushatta Recreation Ranch (CRR) has been the most used RV Park by GHAC for rallies (according to the Goodwin, Goodwin and Goodwin report on TCPU/GHAC rally locations 1979-2022), we had several first timers to experience the 'Ranch'. Dinner this night was provided by Chef Tom Harris making his famous Pasta Fagioli, Caesar salad and bread with cheesecake and limoncello for dessert. That evening we held our Christmas gift exchange which was filled with suspense as some presents were stolen and others were not, despite people begging that they be stolen. As everyone departed Mother Nature treated us to a special lightening show followed by some rain in the wee small hours of the Saturday morning.

Saturday started off with a breakfast casserole and more time for sightseeing or playing corn hole. Some of our leadership team went to work on planning a caravan to Rock Springs, WY for next summer's International Rally. Dinner

for this night was comprised of ham, garlic grits, scalloped pineapple, salad, black-eyed peas, cabbage, corn bread and French bread. After dinner, clean up and walking of pets, Tracy Elkins, 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Region 9, installed the following new officers: Dan McAnulty (President), Rick Elkins (1<sup>st</sup> VP), Rick Vice (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Maria McAnulty (Corresponding Secretary) and Lisa Feine (Trustee). Continuing in their current position are Jerry Lyddon (Treasurer), Caren Bundy (Assistant Treasurer), Maria McAnulty (Recording Secretary), Debbie Pfunder (Trustee) and Daniel Schwarz (Trustee). Dan presented gifts to Michael (Past President GHAC flag) and Carrie (flowers) as they became GHAC's newest Past President and Past First Lady. Michael presented gifts to Dan, Rick E., Rick V., Jerry and Maria for serving as officers in 2022. After this Michael and Carrie hosted the reception for our newly installed officers. Since this was also New Year's Eve, nearly everyone stayed up to 9 pm to ring in the New Year with Champagne and Prosecco.

For Sunday breakfast, the hosts tried to get everyone to either eat or take home as much food as was left over. Bruce gave a brief devotional and then we were free to hitch up and depart. Finally, the hosts would like to thank everyone who pitched in and helped prep, cook, wash dishes, clean the rally room and overall make this a great Christmas/Installation/New Year's Rally.

### Fun Rally Facts:

In 2022 GHAC had 8 rallies with 41 different Regular Memberships and 2 Affiliate Memberships attending.

The top 10 rally sites for all TCPU/GHAC rallies from 1979 – 2022:

Rank	RV Park	City, ST	# 1979-2022
1	Cousshatte Recreation Ranch	Bellville, TX	72
2	Lake Conroe KOA	Montgomery, TX	18
3	Artesian Park RV	Brenham, TX	12
4	QRV Conroe (Summer Breeze)	Conroe, TX	11
4	Hillcrest RV Park	New Waverly, TX	11
6	Maricopa RV	Canyon Lake, TX	10
6	Magnolia RV Park	Goodrich, TX	10
8	Brackenridge Park and Campground	Edna, TX	9
8	Oak Leaf Park Campground	Orange, TX	9
10	Houston Leisure RV Resort	Highlands, TX	8
10	Lake Somerville State Park	Somerville, TX	8

178

**No longer in business**

Total Rallies	411
% of Total Rallies	43.3%



Trump Burger in Bellville



Murder Mystery Case





Tom's famous Pasta Fagioli



Our Hosts. Tom Harris, Leslie Spilman and Bruce Lee





Christmas gift exchange





Rick Vice, 2<sup>ND</sup> VP; Rick Elkins, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Dan McNulty, President; Michael Iversen, Past President. Lisa Feine, Trustee. Maria McNulty, Recording Secretary and First Lady.



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# THE SUNSHINE CORNER

## January 2023

By Carol Goodwin

“New year is the  
Glittering light to  
Brighten the dream-lined  
Pathway of the future.”  
-Munia Khan

### MEMBER CONCERNS

If you have a concern about someone in your life or yourself that you would like mentioned in our GHAC Sunshine Report, please feel free to call, email, or text me at 713-598-1063 or [cgoodwin7@comcast.net](mailto:cgoodwin7@comcast.net).

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Steve & Donna Cummins

## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

Bill Miller	Jan 1
Lyle Snow	Jan 1
Bruce Lee	Jan 2
Peggy Snow	Jan 2
Jay Bubela	Jan 3
Hawley Towns	Jan 3
Robert Hebert	Jan 4
Rick Kanis	Jan 9
Jack Williams	Jan 10
Kathy Westmoreland	Jan 14
Tracey Calvert	Jan 15
Barbara Mercer	Jan 15
Amber Corley	Jan 24
Holly McMurphy	Jan 25
Li Rice	Jan 25
John Gayle	Jan 26
June Hutson	Jan 28
David Rightmyer, Jr	Jan 28
Helen Teegarden	Jan 28
Felicia Petit	Jan 30

### Anniversaries

Kay & Robert Hebert	Jan 10
Kathy & Gene Blanchard	Jan 16
Pam & John Breeding	Jan 16
Bill & Dorma Kindle	Jan 21
Peggy & Lyle Snow	Jan 25
Tina & Bob Miller	Jan 26
Mary Ann & John Boerner	Jan 27

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**SAFE TRAVELS!**

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.



# 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](mailto:maison1306@gmail.com)) or Rick Elkins ([rick112851@gmail.com](mailto:rick112851@gmail.com)) for additional details and guidance.

**Most important, be of good cheer and have fun!**

**Greater Houston Airstream Club  
2022 Unit Officers**

**Unit Officers:**

President	Michael Iversen	8621
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Dan McAnulty	2162
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Rick Elkins	9713
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Rick Vice	1743
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

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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!**