



# COYOTE TALES



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[Dan & Maria McNulty](#)

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## President's Message



2023 has gotten off to a really fast start! We were just at Coshatte RV Park outside of Bellville, TX closing out 2022 and installing the new officers of GHAC for 2023. Now January has zoomed by and I am struggling to use our Mac computer to get this newsletter out! Even though I have been a member of the Club since 2002 when we bought our first and only Airstream (a brand new 2001 30' Excella) I have relatively little experience in club leadership. Bear with me as I learn!

Past President Michael Iversen is an expert on the Mac computer and has graciously given me crash zoom lessons. 2023 VP Rick Elkins and Region 9 VP Tracy Elkins have also been of incredible help to me in planning a caravan to the 2023 International Rally in Rock City, WY. They have worked tirelessly while wearing multiple hats. Be sure to thank them and all our Officers and Committee Chairs (listed at the end of the newsletter) for their willingness to serve our Club! Without members volunteering GHAC can't function.

## January 2023 Luncheon By Dan and Maria McAnulty

We had a fabulous turnout for the January Luncheon held on the 21st at the Kingwood Country Club. We had 62 Airstreamers present, as well as our guest, Guada Moreno, representing Team Red, White & Blue. Visiting and an open bar started at 11:00 a.m. Just before 12 noon, welcomed everyone and recognized our hosts, Dave and Jan Rightmyer, Peggy and Lyle Snow, and Bill and Dorma Kindle who helped with table decorations, name tags, and greeting the attendees. We feasted on tender beef tips in brown gravy, Southern fried chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, steamed green beans, tossed green salad and dessert. I can assure you no one left hungry! Many thanks to First Lady Maria McAnulty for her work in choosing the venue, planning the menu and assembling the centerpieces and to GHAC VP, Rick Elkins, who put together a presentation of photographs depicting past and future club activities and caravans. Everyone appeared to have enjoyed the food, the panoramic view of the golf course and the company of fellow Airstream Club International members.

We also celebrated Bill and Dorma Kindle on their **62nd** wedding anniversary on this same date! On a side note, Maria and I had our wedding reception at the Kingwood Country Club 30 years ago this November.

Region 9 President Nancy Fitzgerald hoped to attend the luncheon but had to cancel at the last minute due to car trouble made worse by heavy rain at her new home on Bolivar Island. You were missed Nancy but will see you soon in Gonzales, TX for the Region 9 Rally.

Past President Michael Iversen presented a check from GHAC for \$1085.00 to Team Red, White and Blue representative, Guada Moreno. The funds were raised by holding raffles at every GHAC Rally during 2022 for the benefit of the military veterans served by Team Red, White and Blue. Thank you to 2022 First Lady, Carrie Iversen who gathered all the wonderful items offered for raffle through out the year. Guada led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag followed by GHAC past president, Bruce Lee who offered an invocation giving thanks for our gathering and our meal.

### Presentation of 5 year Red Stars

After our lunch, It was time to present members who have earned 5 year red stars to be placed on their Airstreams. Leading that group are Don and Helen Teegarden who have been club members for **30** years! They will now have **6 red stars** on their Airstream. What an accomplishment! Next, Tom and Vicki Ketchum now have 2 red stars having been in the club for 13 years. Last, was Rick & Tracy Elkins, Ken & Lia Laney, and Jim & Lisa Feine who each earned one 5 year star. Congratulations to each of you.

## **Humble ISD Sock Donation**

**By Jan Rightmyer**

Airstreamers are such caring, loving and sharing people and we proved it again this year. GHAC, for the third year in a row, has donated kids socks to a local school district and this year was no exception. This year we collected 360 pairs!. It started out 2 years ago at our Christmas rally when we decided to decorate our rally Christmas tree with socks for area kids and it was a smash hit. We collected 300 pairs!

Dave and I delivered them today and Marilyn Mann, Humble ISD administrator, told us how grateful they were for the donation. Even the security officer told us that she gives them out too. They said that some kids have not had clean new socks in a long time and need them badly. They said that principals of area schools had called and asked about the socks again this year, if we might be donating again, as the need was so great. It broke our hearts to hear the stories of these kids.

Thank you, GHAC members for donating, keep these kids in mind for next year and start shopping early for socks. Let's try for 500 pairs next year!

## **GHAC 2023 Mentorship Committee**

**By Rick Elkins, Chairman**

The Mentorship committee for 2023 welcomes committee members Dave Rightmyer, Jan Rightmyer, Tom Raia, and Jim Miller. Club President Dan McAnulty joins the committee as a member ex-officio.

Mentors are **trusted advisers and role models** – people who have "been there" and "done that." They support and encourage their mentees by offering suggestions and knowledge, both general and specific. The goal is to help mentees improve their skills.

This committee's members were recruited to serve on this committee by virtue of them having demonstrated their Airstream Club experience, knowledge, and history of service with positions of leadership for the club, rallies and caravans.

Key to the success of this committee working in a peer to peer mentorship is based on a reciprocal learning relationship built on trust, respect, and communication between the mentor and the mentee.

When new members join the club they are made aware of the club's mentorship program, but any club member wishing to partner with a mentor can request such by contacting anyone on this committee.

# 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!**

# PHOTOS OF THE LUNCHEON



2023 GHAC President Dan McNulty welcoming Airstreamers to Luncheon



GHAC Group photo at Kingwood Country Club



Luncheon Hosts:

Lyle and Peggy Snow, Dave and Jan Rightmyer, and “62 year” newlyweds Dorma and Bill Kindle!



**Current President with twelve Past Presidents of GHAC together in one place**

Dan McNulty, Dave Rightmyer, Bill Kindle, Bob Hutson, June Hutson, Bill Miller, Don Teegarden, Jerry Goodwin, Bruce Lee, Vernon Goodwin, Michael Iversen, Tom Harris





Dan McAnulty with Team RWB Representative Guadalupe “ Guada” Moreno who accepted the GHAC Club 2022 donation of \$1085.00 from Past President Michael Iversen

# **THE SUNSHINE CORNER**

## **February 2023**

By Carol Goodwin

“The love you send into the world,  
You will find,  
Is the love that returns to you.”  
-Avina Celeste

### **MEMBER CONCERNS**

Jerry and I have been members of GHAC for many years. We missed a few rallies this fall so it was nice to attend the Annual Luncheon in January. We enjoyed seeing everyone... old and new friends. At the Luncheon, Bill and Dorma Kindle's 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary was recognized. Now, that's love and devotion! I know that they enjoyed celebrating their special day with long-time friends in our club. I wish them many more years to come. And, I wish that everyone gets to spend more time with the people that they love.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Pierre Judge & Michele Bernier

## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

Tim Bashor	Feb 1
K.D. Couch	Feb 2
Charles O'Donnell	Feb 2
Bill Smythe	Feb 3
Debbie Pfunder	Feb 7
Larry Ford	Feb 8
Doug Towns	Feb 10
Irene Lyddon	Feb 12
Autumn Laughrun	Feb 13
Bernadine Billard	Feb 14
Beth Adams	Feb 19
Clark Gardner	Feb 23
Christina Kanis	Feb 23
Beverly Williams	Feb 25

### Anniversaries

Daniel & Lisa Schwarz	Feb 13
Reid & Kathy Westmoreland	Feb 16
Red & Nancy Childers	Feb 20
Alan & Bernadine Billard	Feb 26

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**  
**SAFE TRAVELS!**

# 2023 RALLIES

February 9-12, 2023 - Hardy's Resort, Bryan, Tx

March 28 to April 2, 2023 - Region 9 Rally, Jb Wells Expo Center, Gonzales, Tx *This will be the GHAC March Rally*

April 20-23, 2023 - Colorado Landing RV, La Grange, Tx

May 25-29, 2023 - Memorial Day Rally and annual Business meeting, Big Spot RV Park, San Leon, Tx

June 24 - 30, 2023 - International Rally, Rock Springs, Wy

September 7-10, 2023 - Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, Fredericksburg Tx

October 19-22, 2023 - Huntsville State Park, Huntsville, Tx

November 30 to December 3, Grand Encore RV Park, Natchitoches, La

December 14 - 17, 2023 - Christmas and Installation Rally, Rayford Crossing RV Resort, Spring, Tx

## **\*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\***

**We still need Hosts for May, September, and November Rallies. We also need co-hosts for May, September, October, and November!**

## **GHAC February Rally**

**February 10-12, 2023**

*Hardy's Resort 3414 Colson Road Bryan, Texas 77808 979-703-1201*

Please call the campground to make your site reservations. Be sure to tell them you are with the GHAC group.

20 sites are reserved at this time for our group.

Extra sites will be released 2 weeks prior to the rally on January 26, 2023.

Thursday, February 9: Early Arrivals: Check with campground for arrival times.

5:00 pm Happy Hour Bring a personal beverage and an appetizer to share.

6:00 pm (ish) Dinner on your own or group(s) go to a local restaurant. Host will research options.

Friday, February 10:

8:00 am Continental breakfast, coffee, and juice.

Activities on your own or with friends.

This is a new RV Resort with a variety of activities including a recreation room and an outdoor sports court. Local area includes options including Texas A&M University, Bush Presidential Library, Messina Hoff Winery, and more!

Lunch on your own.

5:00 pm Happy Hour. Bring your preferred beverage,  
Odd number rigs please bring an appetizer to share.

6:00 pm Dinner provided by your hosts. TBD

7:30 pm Options include Campfire Circle (weather permitting) or indoor games.

Saturday, February 11:

8:00 am Breakfast and SkyMed presentation. Breakfast by SkyMed with fruit, coffee, and juice by Hosts.

Morning activities on your own or with friends.

Lunch on your own.

2:00 pm Craft Hour. Bring your own craft. Crafts can move to Friday if attendees prefer.

5:00 pm Happy Hour. Bring your preferred beverage,  
Even number rigs please bring an appetizer to share.

6:00 pm Dinner provided by your hosts. TBD

7:30 pm Options include Campfire Circle (weather permitting) or indoor games.

Sunday, February 12:

8:00 am Breakfast casserole and biscuits provided by Hosts.

9:00 am Short devotional (volunteers welcome!)

Safe travels back home!

Hope to see you at Region 9 Rally in March!

Jot Form Link: : [GHAC February 2023 Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](https://www.airstreamclub.org/ghac-february-2023-rally)

**Greater Houston Airstream Club  
2023 Unit Officers**

**Unit Officers:**

President	Dan McAnulty	2162
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Rick Elkins	9713
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Rick Vice	1743
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President		
Recording Secretary	Maria McAnulty	2162
Corresponding Secretary	Maria McAnulty	2162
Treasurer	Jerry Lyddon	7746
Assistant Treasurer	Caren Bundy	2835
Trustee 1 Years	Debbie Pfunder	2646
Trustee 2 Years	Bill Kindle	290
Trustee 1 Year	Daniel Schwarz	5404
Trustee 2 Year	Lisa Feine	31415
Parliamentarian	Joanne Miller	212
Immediate Past President	Michael Iversen	8621

**Committee Chairpersons:**

Caravan	John Sheridan	1326
Constitution & Bylaws	Bruce Lee	5461
Crafts & Projects	Carol Goodwin	1131
Sunshine	Carol Goodwin	1131
Directory Editor	Tracy Elkins	9713
Electronics Communications	Tom Bundy	2835
Historical		
Membership	Tracy Elkins	9713
Mentorship	Rick Elkins	9713

# 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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**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!**