



COYOTE TALES



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Dan & Maria McNulty

Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote, The droghte of March hath perced to the roote, And bathed every veyne in swich licour... So goes the first prologue of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales written in Middle English in the 14th Century. Translation: When April with his showers has pierced the drought of March to the very root, and flooded every vein with sweet liquor... The beginning of Chaucer's collection of 24 tales of different travelers on a pilgrimage to a shrine. I can still quote these lines some 56 years after being required to memorize them in senior English class as I'm sure many of you did as well. We have just completed our Airstream Region 9 pilgrimage to the cannon shrine in Gonzales, Texas where the first shot of the Texas Revolution against Mexico 1835-36 which resulted in the birth of the Republic of Texas. As 105 Airstream rigs camped near the Guadalupe River at the JB Wells Event Center, I'm sure many Tales were told by our Texas and Oklahoma members recounting our travels, assorted backgrounds, families, jobs, and plans for this year's International Rally in Rock Springs, WY.



"Come and Take It Cannon"

Ballots for 2024 Officers are coming soon. Please watch your e-mail for the link to vote. There is one vote per member e-mail address. If you wish to vote by paper ballot, please reach out to recording secretary, Maria McNulty at maison1306@yahoo.com.



View of our March rally site

The town of Gonzales was established in 1825 by Empresario, Green Dewitt. Today it has over 7100 in population and remains as it was originally surveyed. It is famous for its refusal to return a small cannon Mexico demanded having sent 120 soldiers from San Antonio to retrieve it. The Texians of Gonzales fired the first shots of what became known as the Battle of Gonzales successfully resisting the Mexican forces and keeping the cannon. Our Region 9 attendees gathered at the Gonzales Memorial Museum at 1414 Smith St to hear an account of the history of the “Come and Take It” cannon as well as the building of the Museum honoring the 32 Gonzales men and boys who rushed to help defend the Alamo in 1836 joining Col. William Travis and the other heroes who lost their lives in the Battle of the Alamo.

Under the orders of Gen. Sam Houston, the town of Gonzales was set ablaze to keep it from the Mexican Army. The people of Gonzales fled east along with General Houston and a militia group of 374 men. Marching eastward, Houston’s army arrived near Harrisburg, TX and on the morning of April 21st, surprised, captured Santa Anna and his army in a short battle which became known as the Battle of San Jacinto. In defeating Santa Anna, Texas won its independence and became the Republic of Texas.

As we drove from Gonzales to Shiner, Texas, we saw Historical marker 4503 at Hwy 90 and CR 361 marking the path Houston’s group and a large oak tree nearby called Sam Houston Oak. This was where the fleeing group spent their first night on their flight east. Here is a link to more information about this: <https://texashistoricalmarkers.weebly.com/sam-houston-oak.html>

Here are a few of the activities we enjoyed at the Rally-The Margarita Welcome Party, Baker Boys BBQ and Ribeye steaks, “Come and Take It” and Museum, Gonzales Chamber of Commerce Social Hour at the 1914 Edwards School, Golf Scramble, Biscuit on a Stick Demonstration by Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Chili Cook Off (yes, Tom Bundy beat out 21 competitors and Terry Fuselier and Liza Wilkerson were also winners from GHAC), SkyMed Breakfast with Stan Schwenke, Schulenburg Painted Churches, 1909 Spoetzl Brewery in the town of Shiner, guest speaker, Kathryn Clark Childers, and entertainment provided by poet, singer, and guitarist Brian Kalinec!

I want to recognize and thank some of the folks who made this Rally so successful:

Region 9 President Nancy Fitzgerald, VP Tracy Elkins, Treasurer Anna Brandon, Secretary Keith Ferry, Parking Guru Tom Raia and all his parkers, shuttle drivers, and our kitchen workers!

After five enjoyable days and nights at the JB Wells Expo, and seeing the various sites in this area, we all headed home. Unfortunately, COVID raised its ugly head as a number of attendees tested positive just before we left or after arriving home. I’m afraid this wily virus may continue to be a problem in our future for some time requiring us to practice extra care to wash our hands regularly, be alert for symptoms, and take whatever preventative care is recommended.

We look forward to our next Region 9 Rally in Bandera, TX when we will reconnect with our fellow members.

THE SUNSHINE CORNER

May 2023

By Carol Goodwin

Let all thy joys be as the month of May,
And all thy days be as a marriage day.
-Francis Quarles

Every month, I go through our GHAC directory to find the names of members' birthdays and couples' anniversaries. Not surprisingly, May is a popular month for planning a wedding. But I was amazed to find that our club had 21 couples with May wedding dates. This included my husband, Jerry, and me. Happy Anniversary to all of you May couples!

MEMBER CONCERNS

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

Irene Lyddon who had hip replacement surgery and is wearing a brace to help it heal. She will see her doctor soon and hopes that she is healed and can remove the brace permanently. In the meantime, she says that she's hanging in there. She hopes that she and Jerry will be back traveling and attending rallies soon. (Update: As of print time, I have not heard from Irene, but I am sure with her positive outlook she is improving.)

Bernadine Billard has been doing well recovering from her cancer surgery and is getting out and about. Additionally, she has been getting immunotherapy on another cancerous spot. She and her family will be attending our April rally in LaGrange. Be sure to say "hi" to her.

Helen Teegarden was diagnosed with Covid and had to get emergency treatment while at the Region 9 Rally. She received medication and continues to recover. She says that she is doing a lot better.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Zachary & Cynthia Leos
Dayle & Zella Pugh
Scott & Dawn Zack
Gene Guthrie
Susie Becvar

You are as welcome as the flowers in May. - Charles Macklin

MAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Michael Champion	May 4	Bill Hamilton	May 25
Donna Cummins	May 4	Jack Isbell	May 25
Amanda Bubela	May 5	Jody Bashor	May 27
Tom Harris	May 15	Justin Hargadine	May 27
George Nixon	May 18	Danny Brown	May 28
Marya Barefoot	May 20	Ed Ferrin	May 29
Dave Rightmyer	May 23	Daniel Schwarz	May 31

Anniversaries

Denis & Patti Blanchet	May 1	John & Susan Sheridan	May 18
Jerry & Carol Goodwin	May 4	Wayne & Liza Wilkerson	May 19
Ed & Sharlene Ferrin	May 5	Jerry & Beth Adams	May 20
John & Terry Fuselier	May 5	Larry & Susan Meeks	May 20
Clark Gardner & Debbie Pfunder	May 6	Duke & Nancy Fleshman	May 21
Chuck Bracht & Cheryl Verlander	May 9	Ken & Lia Laney	May 21
Tom & Virginia Taroni	May 13	Alfred & Carla Ricks	May 21
Chris & Renee Carantza	May 15	Ron & Janice Lange	May 22
Bruce & Marya Barefoot	May 17	Tom & Vicki Ketchum	May 25
Tom & Susan Raia	May 18	Douglas & Hawley Towns	May 28
		Rick & Laurie Vice	May 29

PHOTO MEMORIES OF THE MARCH 2023 GONZALES RALLY



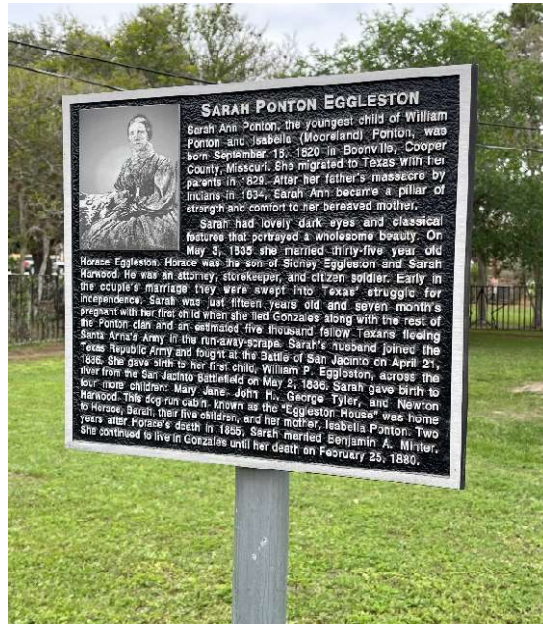
Region 9 Unit Presidents



Tracy Elkins, Nancy Fitzgerald, Anna Brandon, Keith Ferry



Story of the "Come and Take It Cannon" at the Gonzales Memorial Museum



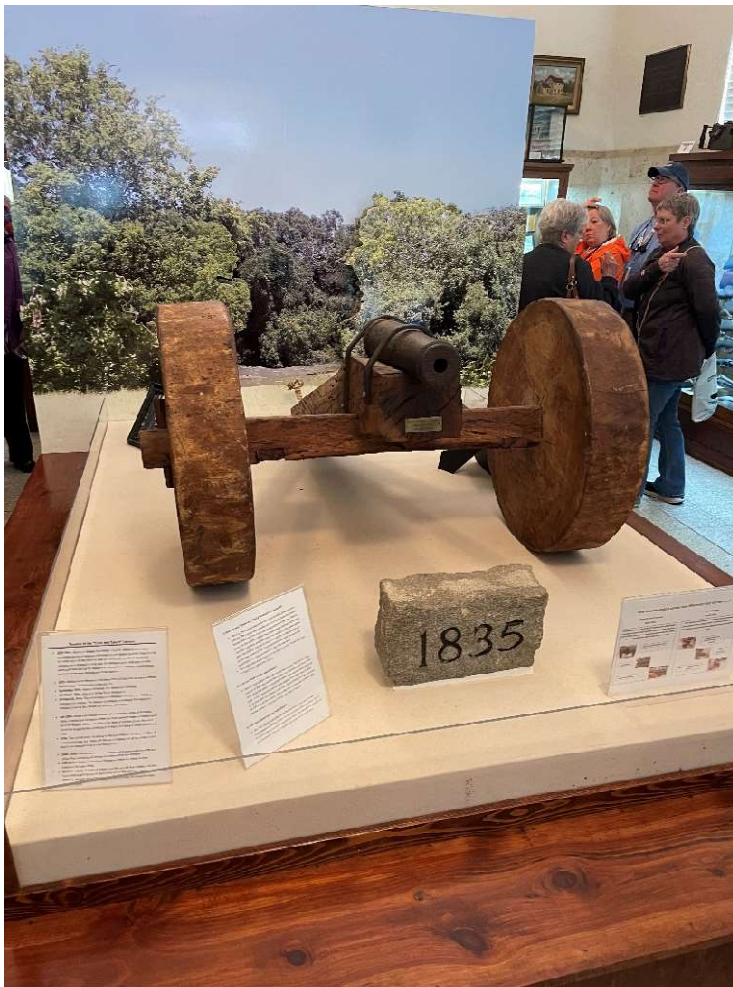
Sarah Eggleston marker in front of her cabin



1845 Horace and Sarah Eggleston "dog run" cabin



Interior of Eggleston cabin depicting frontier life



Original small Come and Take It cannon inside Gonzales Museum



Vernon Goodwin instructs Biscuit on a Stick cooking technique.



Ladies cooking their biscuits on a stick



Tom & Caren Bundy cooking his Award-winning chili!



Jerry Goodwin and Joletta rolling biscuit on a stick



Jan Rightmyer behind bars!



Region 9 Board & Member Meeting



The bar at the Spoetzl Brewery in Shiner, TX



Kosmos Spoetzl Brewmaster and founder of Shiner Bock beer



Baker Boys BBQ grilling over 200 ribeye steaks for us



Mouth watering ribeye steaks!



Maria McAnulty & silent auction of the RWB basket purchased for \$255! Thanks also to the Glovers who originally purchased the basket at the January 2023 luncheon and donated it back to the club to continue raising money for a great cause. Cash donations of \$160 were received for a total of **\$ 415.00!**



Brian Kalinic entertaining us with his songs and cherry wood guitar
Courtesy of his friendship with his fellow Beaumont native Nancy Fitzgerald

2023 RALLIES

[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 September, and November Rallies. We also need cohosts for September, October, and November!

GHAC April Rally April 20-23, 2023 (One Site Available)

Colorado Landing RV Park, 64 East Bluffview, LaGrange, TX 78945, 979-968-9465

Be sure to call and make your reservations at the Campground and call Hosts Rick or Tracy

Elkins – 281.725.1672. Check out the full [Rally Flyer](#) on the Website



The flyer is for the Greater Houston Airstream Club's 'DENIM & DIAMONDS RALLY'. It features a purple background with diamond icons in the corners. The title is in a white box at the top. Below the title, there's a calendar icon and text for the date (April 20-23, 2023) and location (Colorado Landing RV Park, 64 E Bluffview Dr, La Grange, TX 78945, (979) 968-9465, \$40/night). To the right, it lists 'Texas 2-Step Registration' with steps: 1) Reserve Camp Site, 2) Register with GHAC, and provides the website <https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-april-2023-rally> and a \$20/person rally fee. A red stamp says 'Register by: April 5th'. Below this is an 'Overview' section with a filmstrip icon and a list of daily activities from Thursday to Sunday. An 'Activities' section follows with a filmstrip icon and a list of site activities. At the bottom left, it lists hosts: Rick & Tracy Elkins (281-725-1672) and Paul Evens & Natalie Garrett. On the right, there's an illustration of a man and a woman in denim and crowns, labeled 'Dan' and 'Maria'. A small illustration of an airstream trailer is also present.

Greater Houston Airstream Club
DENIM & DIAMONDS RALLY

Date – 20-23 April 2023
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La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-9465
\$40/night

Register by: **April 5th**

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2) Register with GHAC
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Rally Fee \$20/person

Overview:

- Thurs - Park & Set-Up / Happy Hour
- Fri - Breakfast, Site Seeing on Your Own, Happy Hour, Dinner, Video & Texas Trivia
- Sat - Breakfast, Earth Day, Swap Meet, Happy Hour, Dinner, Fashion Show
- Sun - Breakfast & Break Camp

Activities:

- Site Seeing on your own
- Earth Day Clean Up -Kreische Brewery & Monument Hill
- Swap Meet (\$5 per person for Team RWB)
- Texas Trivia Game
- Denim & Diamonds Fashion Show

Hosts: Rick & Tracy Elkins
281-725-1672
Paul Evens & Natalie Garrett

Dan
Maria

MAY 2023 RALLY : Sending out a little early!

Memorial Day Weekend Rally at Big Spot RV

2241 East Bayshore Dr – San Leon TX 77539

(832) 864-2930

Make your own parking reservations - call the office – they are holding sites for us

Look on the GHAC website to pay for the \$18 pp rally cost via Jotform

trips to the Flight Museum & Space Center are additional cost

Note: please reserve with the host 2 weeks in advance to get the best rate for Fight Museum & Space Center

Hosts: Vernon & Jo Goodwin (713) 205-1277 Co-Hosts: Tom & Caren Bundy / Jerry & Carol Goodwin

- Thursday May 25th early parking – 5 pm Happy Hour odd BRN's bring snacks
6 pm Dinner bring something to grill and a side to share
- Friday May 26th parking all day – 5 pm Happy Hour even BRN's bring snacks
6 pm Dinner @ **Topwater Grill** (not included in the rally fee)
- Saturday May 27th 8 am Breakfast by hosts
9 am GHAC Annual Business Meeting
1 pm @ **Lone Star Flight Museum** (group rate \$10 pp)
5 pm Happy Hour odd BRN's bring snacks
6 pm Dinner by hosts Shrimp Boil
- Sunday May 28th 8 am Breakfast by hosts
10 am @ **Space Center Houston** (\$21.95 group rate pp)
5 pm Happy Hour even BRN's bring snacks
6 pm Dinner by hosts Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
- Monday May 29th 8 am Continental Breakfast

**Greater Houston Airstream Club
2023 Unit Officers**

Unit Officers:

President	Dan McAnulty	2162
1 st Vice President	Rick Elkins	9713
2 nd Vice President	Rick Vice	1743
3 rd Vice President		
Recording Secretary	Maria McAnulty	2162
Corresponding Secretary	Maria McAnulty	2162
Treasurer	Jerry Lyddon	7746
Assistant Treasurer	Caren Bundy	2835
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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
Crags & Projects	Carol Goodwin	1131
Sunshine	Carol Goodwin	1131
Directory Editor	Tracy Elkins	9713
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Historical		
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Message from Bob Jones

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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.

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RV REPAIRS &
SERVICE**

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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!