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President's Message:

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FATHER – DAUGHTER DANCE!



Happy May to all GHAC members and affiliates! As you can see in this photo, May 6th 2023 was a Happy Day for our family at the marriage of our daughter Emily to her husband Mason Priess in Fort Worth. We had a great attendance of over 180 friends and family and a wonderful reception at Artspace111. A Scrumptious dinner was catered by Reatta Restaurant. There was plenty of adult beverages, hors d'oeuvres, a coffee bar, and wedding cakes for all to enjoy. The happy couple is on their honeymoon in Cancun and will be living in Fort Worth. We purchased our first and only 2001 Airstream trailer new when Emily was 5, so she grew up traveling with our Airstream family. Her first

boyfriend was Mr. Vernon Goodwin who was present at her wedding!



Thanks to everyone who attended and especially to her Mom, Maria McNulty, for all the hours she put in to making it a memorable day while also serving as GHAC Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

BTW, we weren't the only GHAC parents whose daughter was married on May 6th. John and Deborah Davis' daughter Hannah is now Mrs. Brian Finley! Here is a photo of Dr. John rehearsing giving Hannah away. Looking forward to seeing more photos of the wedding itself.



A WORD ABOUT INTERNATIONAL IN ROCK SPRINGS, WY

GHAC and Units from all over the US and Canada will gather in June 2023 for our International Rally. We are guaranteed to have a great time meeting up with new and old friends while enjoying the scenic beauty of Wyoming! Once while we were in the Wyoming State Capitol building in Cheyenne, we talked with a Wyoming State Trooper in the Governor's office who informed us that there are more antelopes in the State than there are people! The Governor walked out of his office and chatted with us. He was very friendly and informal, making us feel welcome. Keep in mind that prior to 1845 when Texas was added to the United States, a narrow portion of its northern border extended into Wyoming. Texas was even bigger than it is today!

Many of us will be traveling to the Rally individually, in small groups, or in a caravan as we are when we leave Houston on June 9 & 10th for our first stop in Waco, TX. As we travel through New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming we look forward to seeing a variety of things along the route and enjoying the comradeship of our fellow Airstreamers. In preparation for the journey, I've included below a time-tested Departure Checklist to make your travels safer.

See you in Rock Springs!

Airstream Travel Departure Checklist

Outside

- Turn off exterior lighting
- Dump tanks
- Fill fresh water tank
- Close gray tank valves
- Disconnect and stow service lines
- Lock storage compartments
- Check generator oil level
- Check battery water levels
- Inspect electrical cords
- Check fluid levels: fuel, transmission, DEF, brake, coolant, windshield washer, power steering
- Ensure LP tank valve is closed
- Ensure stabilizing jacks are fully retracted
- Check hitch and coupler for proper attachment

- Check safety chains and breakaway switch cable
- Fully retract hitch jack; remove and stow jack stand or wood block
- Check all marker lights, taillights, clearance lights, brake lights
- Check lug nuts
- Check TPMS monitor
- Check windows and mirrors
- Check smoke alarm and CO detector
- Check your awning is retracted
- Test brakes
- Pull forward, stop, park, and double check your hitch set up
- Check for garbage or debris
- Check back up camera
- Secure second set of keys

Inside

- Securely stow all of your camping gear and goods. Do not overload.
- Bag trash for disposal
- Close windows
- Close vents
- Lock all interior cabinet doors
- Latch refrigerator door
- Turn off HVAC
- Latch TV for travel
- Lower TV antenna
- Turn interior lights off
- Fasten sliding doors by turning travel lock inward
- Ensure that master battery disconnect switch is "OFF"
- Turn off water pump, relieve pressure at faucet and heater
- Remove water from toilet bowl, lower lid
- Stow table

- Lower blinds
- Secure hall dividers
- Pull up or retract step
- Secure and Lock main door
- Lock dead bolt

April Rally - Denim & Diamonds - LaGrange, TX

Colorado Landing RV Park in LaGrange was the perfect backdrop to our April Rally with the Denim & Diamonds theme. Thursday started out gorgeously, cool breezes and sunshine; all the rigs but a handful planned to arrive by Happy Hour. However, as Mother Nature would have it, the weather became a bit ominous with the promise of hail, the Airstream nemesis, and we ended the day with 10 brave Airstreams plus a bonus Airstream with a couple from Oregon that were just passing through. After a stormy evening with some small hail stones, Friday dawned and revealed no damage to our beautiful shiny silver homes. A total of 19 (plus the bonus visitor) Airstreams made the rally including: Alan, Bernadine & Ashley Billard, John & Deborah Davis, Elizabeth Easterling (visiting from TX Alamo Unit), hosts Rick & Tracy Elkins, hosts Paul Evens & Natalie Garrett, James and Lisa Feine, Paul & Sabra Francis, Clark Gardner & Deb Pfunder, Jerry & Carol Goodwin, Gene Guthrie, Bruce Lee, Dan & Maria McAnulty, Eric & Holly McMurphy, Jim Miller & granddaughter Audrey, Bill & Joanne Miller, Tom & Susan Raia, Tom & Virginia Taroni, Rick & Laurie Vice, and Wayne & Liza Wilkerson. Visiting from Bend, OR were Michael & Lisa Kendall (BRN 6293).

Setting up along the banks of the Colorado River was delightful. Afterwards, Thursday Happy Hour was a treat. The Rally Room was decked out with denim & diamonds and twinkly centerpieces and smells of fresh-made pizza! A good crowd of folks ready to start the weekend off the Airstream way enjoyed visiting and getting to know several new members or visit about Airstreams recently purchased. After Happy Hour, several groups made their way into LaGrange for dinner at Ere's Italian, JayDee's Grill or a handful of other local restaurants while others began to hunker down and find weather broadcasts in preparation for what promised to be an evening of heavy rain and some hail.



Friday dawned clear and cool. We were all eager to get a look at our Airstreams after last night's storm! The hail came late evening and sounded horrendous as it struck our vent covers and a/c units. Fortunately, it's bark was much worse than its bite and there was no damage to be found (whew). The previous evening, most scoffed at having breakfast at 8 am, but there was a crowd of Rally goers ready for G-ma's Gussied Up Oatmeal, Yogurt and fresh fruit. President Dan McAnulty mastered the Club's contrary coffee maker with 3 huge carafes of hot French roasted coffee. A splendid way to start the day! Off most went to explore in LaGrange and the surrounding areas that are rich in history. The LaGrange Visitor's Center was a good place to get your bearings and plan a day of local adventures.

Throughout the day, Airstream rolled into the Campground and set up. We kicked off Happy Hour with ZZ Top's famous tune LaGrange and a playlist of similar tunes. The hosts prepared appetizers and a dinner of meatball subs with pasta

salad. Following dinner we celebrated birthdays. Today was John Davis' birthday so we surprised him with his favorite dessert, ice cream sundaes. Choosing between four flavors and a slate of toppings was more fun than we imagined! Also celebrating April birthdays were Joanne Miller, Ashley Billard, and Jim Feine. What would a rally in LaGrange be without a Chicken Dance? For those that weren't familiar with the infamous line dance, we had an instructional video on the Rally Room Monitors. What a sight we were emulating chicken beaks, wings, wiggles and pirouettes! We topped off the evening with a lively round of Texas Trivia. We had several true history buffs in the crowd, but the funniest were the guessers that keep everyone holding their sides with their hilarious answers. Table 2 led by the Taronis was the winner.

Planned activities were part of each Rally Day, but not a day went by without Rally Goers helping one another. From a water leak that developed after the storms to a tankless water heater that hasn't worked in awhile, everyone is quick to lend a hand or expertise in resolving issues. This is a wonderful benefit of belonging to a club that is rich with experience and knowledge.



Saturday was packed with events in celebration of Earth Day 2023. Leading off with a hardy breakfast, a group of about 20 took off for an Earth Day Community Service clean up at the Texas Historical Site – Kreische Brewery & Monument Hill. Director Gavin Miculka had worked with rally host, Rick Elkins, to arrange an area where GHAC volunteers along with Site Employees cleared two trailer-loads of brush from a scenic overlook above the Colorado River. Afterwards they were treated to a tour of the 1860's era brewery that was strategically constructed to take advantage of the spring water by German immigrant Stone Mason Heinrich Ludwig Kreische. This brewery was one of the first commercial breweries in Texas and Fayette County residents loved to enjoy a pint of Kreische's Bluff Beer while enjoying the scenic landscape. Although the brewery has been closed for many years since the passing Heinrich Kreische, events continue even to this day. Check out this link for upcoming activities: [Kreische Brewery State Historic Site Events](#). In town there were two Farmers Markets with fresh, locally produced items that several took the time to explore and purchase goods.



Earth Day has long been the advocate for reducing, re-using and recycling. The April Rally took this to heart with a swap meet organized by the Rally Hosts for the benefit of GHAC's charity, Team Red, White & Blue (Team RWB). A \$5 entry fee allowed participants to sell items they no longer needed. We had tools, jewelry, hand-made bags & visors, accessories, household items, you name it! Not only did the Rally goers enjoy strolling along and checking out the goods, but several from the campground did as well. Some donated a portion or all their sales to the cause. All and all it was successful and we raised \$356 for Team RWB!

LaGrange is blessed with a rich history of interesting characters. In homage to some of this history, the hosts set up a Chicken Race. To get everyone into the spirit of the race, the racing chickens visited many of the rigs in person. That's right, you'll never see a chicken race quite like the GHAC Chicken Race that kicked off Saturday's Happy Hour where everyone brought appetizers to share. The hosts prepared a delicious dinner of Chicken Ranch Casserole, Green Salad and Texas Sheet Cake honoring the April Birthdays. The Denim and Diamond Fashion Show topped off the day's events with a parade of bedecked participants showing off their best denim and diamonds for the opportunity to win a Best Male and Best Female prize prepared by local shop, La Petit Gourmet. Voters selected Rick Elkins and Tracy Elkins as the Denim & Diamond Fashion Show Winners – (votes were tallied by Dominion Voting Systems).

Wiekel's Bakery is touted as one of the best German Bakeries in the area (and coincidentally is the only one opened early on Sunday); their kolaches and pigs-in-a-blanket were the stars of Sunday breakfast. Rally goers enjoyed a special

devotional led by Bruce Lee as they enjoyed their coffee and kolaches. With rain showers on the horizon, our Rally Goers packed up and headed out. What a tremendous way to spend a weekend!

Here are a few photos:



Rally Hosts: Paul Evens & Natalie Garrett
Rick & Tracy Elkins



Cleanup Volunteers-Kreische Brewery - Monument Hill

This was the first GHAC Rally for Paul and Sabra Francis and their Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, Ollie, from Morgans Point; they came in their beautifully remodeled & polished 1978 Excella.



Elizabeth Easterling joined us from Texas Alamo Unit. She lives in New Braunfels and joins us in her 27' Flying Cloud.



Host Rick Elkins kicks off the Denim & Diamonds Rally. Looking on are Elizabeth Easterling, Ashley Billard, Laurie Vice, Lisa & Jim Feine, Rick Vice, John Davis and Host Paul Evens.



Street Benefitting Team RWB
Deb Pfunder and Holly McMurphy

Sabra Francis, Elizabeth Easterling and Jerry Goodwin



Denim & Diamonds Fashion Show
Winners – Rick & Tracy Elkins



Hosts Rick & Tracy Elkins as Racing Chickens



Ashley Billard accepts the Chicken Racing Prize



Community Service – Earth Day Clean Up at Kreische Brewery – Monument Hill



One of the two trailers of brush cleared by GHAC Volunteers along with some of their tools.



President Dan McNulty still remembers how to operate a push mower!

Touring the Kreische Brewery



Bruce Lee and returning member, Gene Guthrie enjoy a respite after the community service project!



THE SUNSHINE CORNER

JUNE 2023

By Carol Goodwin

“It’s summer and time for wandering...”
-Kellie Elmore, Magic in the Backyard

No one knows this better than Airstreamers going to rallies or traveling in caravans. We may travel to familiar places or to places we have never been to before. Seeing old friends or making new friends. Whatever you do, enjoy where the road leads you.

MEMBERS’ NEWS

Irene Lyddon just had hip replacement surgery again to implant an improved hip socket. Her doctor has advised her to take it easy. We hope to see her and Jerry soon after she recovers.

Bernadine Billard has been doing well with continued immunotherapy treatment. She and her family will be attending this month’s rally.

Helen Teegarden has recovered from Covid treatment and plans to attend this month’s rally with her husband, Don.

Dan and Maria McAnulty, our president and first lady, celebrated the wedding of their daughter, Emily to Mason Priess in Fort Worth on May 6, 2023. Congratulations!

John and Deborah Davis celebrated the wedding of their daughter Hannah and husband, Brian Finley!

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Jaime Nixon	June 1	Larry Meeks	June 17
Jay Bubela	June 3	Natalie Garrett	June 24
Rose Nugteren	June 7	Lisa Schwarz	June 24
Dan McAnulty	June 10	Laurie Vice	June 26
Jo Goodwin	June 12	Carol Goodwin	June 28
Ron Lange	June 12	Susan Sheridan	June 30

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

Don & Helen Teegarden	June 6	Ronn & Rae Gilbert	June 20
Grady & Keith Ferry	June 15	Arnold & Mary Etta Zander	June 20
Don & Eloise Reeves	June 15	Christopher & Lana Dalston	June 27

2023 RALLIES

[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](#)

Jot Form Link: [GHAC 2023 Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](#)

NOTE:

WE STILL NEED A HOST TO HELP THE McMURPHY'S CO-HOST THE SEPTEMBER RALLY!

AND WE NEED A HOST AND CO-HOST FOR THE NOVEMBER RALLY!

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A
HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!

Message from Bob Jones

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Get out there and enjoy your Airstream adventures!