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ALMOST MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEXAS HILL COUNTRY UNIT

The Bluebonnet

President's Message

About all I can say about the Region 9 Rally in Gonzales, is, WOW! Eight rigs (sixteen members) from THCU provided great representation; there were 105 rigs on site at the JB Wells Expo Center, of 112 original registrations. Every club had an assigned volunteer day, and ours was on Wednesday (first full day). Thanks to those who volunteered, and special thanks to the Green's, Michek's and Ebbers' for manning the golf carts for transportation on Wednesday. BTW, I think this was the first Regional Rally for seven of our members. Yvonne Michek, the creative one, took pictures of her riders and handed out stickers. Check out the THCU Facebook page for all of their smiling faces! Both Region 9 and THCU Facebook pages have many more pictures of this rally.

We have several new members and affiliates since last month. Welcome to Tamara and John Cragle from Austin, TX, Adriana Spina from Cedar Park, TX, and Candace and John Colbert from Harker Heights, TX. Also welcome to our new affiliate members Roger and Sharon Ingram, Roger Harris and Beverly Lewis, Stephen and Marie Holmes. Check out our events and hope we see you in one of them.

Speaking of our club's events, I want to cover upcoming events for the rest of this year. The **APRIL Rally** is at Schatziland RV Resort in San Marcos April 20-23 (in about two weeks!!). Reserve your spot with the park by calling (737) 221-3331. Once you've made your reservations with the park, please text or email me. So far, we have eleven rigs coming, Jan and I are hosts. The schedule for this rally is the next page of this newsletter. It will be a fun time! The **MAY Rally** is at Airport Park at Lake Waco May 18-21. Reserve at recreation.gov. So far we have twelve rigs coming. Zephyr and Dan Marek are hosts. The schedule for this rally will come out at a later time. This should be a lot of fun too! There's plenty of time to add yourselves to the party!

Historically, **JUNE & JULY** are left to your own designs. Plan a pop-up with other members or join the six of us who will be in Rock Springs for International. **AUGUST** is our mid-year luncheon. I'm trying to secure a restaurant for the luncheon and will announce where this will be in a future newsletter. **SEPTEMBER** is scheduled as a caravan to Big Bend September 17-22. At the moment, we only have two rigs interested, along with a Member-At-Large who will be on a cross country trip and joining us there. That's a long way to go for two members, so we'll wait and see. Call me for details if you are interested.....too much to put here. **OCTOBER** will be boondocking at Schitz Creek Distillery in Liberty Hill, October 19 -22. Dan and Zephyr Marek are hosts, and will open registration at the appropriate time. Available physical space will determine our capacity count. **NOVEMBER** will be our Thanksgiving and Installation Rally, and has been CHANGED to The Vineyard in Fredericksburg. The Davis' and Green's are co-hosts, and will



let us know how we all can help pull off a memorable event like we had last year. The **DECEMBER** Holiday Lunch location and is to be determined by Tim Ebbers.

With all of the monthly events, please let me know via email if you reserve.

Bob (and Jan Grimes) President (and First Lady), Texas Hill Country Unit Email: txairstreamer@gmail.com; Cell: 210-722-1080

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3169 Florence Street San Marcos, TX 78666 (737) 221-3331

Itinerary for the rally

Thursday 4/20 Arriv	/e	
05:00 pm	Bring appetizers / snacks to share, BYO drinks Outdoor deck or Community Room Games to follow, Community Room	
Friday 4/21	Breakfast on own	
Friday 4/21 10:30 am	Depart for Wimberly Glass Works	
10.30 am	6469 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos	
	Glass blowing demonstration	
Lunch	Black's BBQ	
A (1	510 Hull St., San Marcos	
Afternoon	Commemorative Air Force	
05.00 pm	1841 Airport Dr., Bldg 2249, San Marcos	
05:00 pm	Bring appetizers/snacks to share, BYO drinks Deck or Community Room	
	Games to follow Community Room	
	Sames to follow community noom	
Saturday 4/22	Breakfast and morning on own	
11:15 am	5 am Depart for Krause Cafe (German) for lunch	
	148 Castell Ave., New Braunfels	
Afternoon	New Braunfels Train Museum	
	302 W. San Antonio, New Braunfels	
	Gruene Historic District	
06:00 pm	Bring appetizers/snacks to share, BYO drinks	
	Deck or Community Room	
	Games to follow Community Room	
Sunday 4/23		
08:30 am	Bring your own coffee to the Community Room and enjoy some pastries from Naegelin's Bakery	

See you at the next rally!

Region 9 Rally mostly in pictures. There are more pictures on Facebook, please check those out. Top photo is the opening night dinner with great BBQ from Baker Boys BBQ. The rest of the photos were from the tour of downtown Gonzales. The town came out and welcomed our group with story telling and group tours. Gonzales is history rich; what a great town to explore.



Region 9 Rally (continued) - More pictures from downtown Gonzales. The tour of the jail was interesting and creepy. The Gonzales Library is a must see—it has a really large gun display and TX history section. The Edwards High School tour was pretty cool too. Look at the ceiling of the gym! I don't have pictures, but there is also a driving tour of some very nice historical houses throughout downtown complete with history lesson of past inhabitants.



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Region 9 Rally (continued) - Pictures from activities of Region 9. Campfires at the Fegley's in the evening with Michek's homemade Bourbon Cream





The recipe for this was requested (here's the link provided by Yvonne: <u>How to Make DIY</u> <u>Bourbon Cream – Dairy + Vegan recipes! - Dear</u> <u>Handmade Life</u>) with the recipe below Delish!!

How to Make DIY Bourbon Cream – Dairy Recipe Author: Delilah Snell Serves: one quart Ingredients

- 11/2 cups of bourbon
- ¾ cup of cream (I used heavy whipping cream)
- 114 ounce can of sweetened condensed milk (this classic brand is perfect)
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract (we love this organic one)
- 2 teaspoons of almond extract (we love this organic one)
- 3 tablespoons of honey (or to taste) (<u>this</u> raw unfiltered honey is great)
 Instructions
- 1. Add all ingredients to the blender and gently blend for a few minutes.
- 2. Pour into a container and let it rest in the fridge for a few hours before serving, it should be a little thicker after cooling.



Pictures below are from an activity on how to make biscuit on a stick which was pretty good. It is hollow on the inside and we could stuff them with pie filling. Yum

It was super windy that day.



Region 9 Rally in Pictures (continued) -

Some of us learned how to play pickleball on a homemade pickleball court. Thanks to the Fegley's and Salazar's (HOTC unit) for the instruction and play. FYI—There's a pickleball court at Schatziland!





Pictures from the Presidents Dinner—It was a steak dinner from Baker Boys BBQ. Really GOOD dinner. Check them out when you are in Gonzales.

Campfires were nice to relax around the fire at night and chat, swap stories, and get to know each other better.







APRIL

03 Peggy Knox06 David Allen

MAY

- 08 Martha Gosnell
- 18 Jan Grimes
- 17 Cal Bonugli
- 28 Nicky Allen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Apr 29 Tim and Allison Ebbers
- May 13 David and Nicky Allen
- May 14 Katy and Cal Bonugli
- May 21 Jeff and Cindy Mckee
- May 26 Robert and Sylvia Lemley
- May 31 Gerald and Theresa Davis



⇒ Our Facebook page is Private. If you are a new member and would like to join our Facebook group, search for the page name = Texas Hill Country Unit.

2023 THCU Officers

- President: Bob Grimes
- 1st VP: Tim Ebbers
- 2nd VP: Michael Green
- Corresponding & recording secretary: Carol Wallace
- Treasurer: Zephyr Marek
- Membership chairman: Yvonne Michek
- 1 year director: Ed Michek and Joanne Ermis
- 2 year director: Dan Marek and Dave Toy
- Newsletter: Ally Ebbers
- Web Master: Tim Ebbers



New Member:

- \Rightarrow Tamara and John Cragle from Austin, TX
- \Rightarrow Adriana Spina from Cedar Park, TX
- ⇒ Candace and John Colbert from Harker Heights, TX

Affiliate Members:

- \Rightarrow Roger and Sharon Ingram
- \Rightarrow Roger Harris and Beverly Lewis
- \Rightarrow Stephen and Marie Holmes



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THCU 2023 Schedule		
Date	Location	Comments
Jan 19-22	San Saba City RV Park & Golf Course 723 CR 102, San Saba, TX 325-372-3212	Eight sites being held until 1/10/23. Make reservation with the park directly and advise Yvonne Michek (<u>michekmgw@gmail.com</u>) to get an accurate head count.
		Host: Ed and Yvonne Michek
Feb 16-19	Lake Brownwood State Park 200 Park Road 15 Brownwood, TX 76801	Council Bluff Loop, full hookups, 10 FH sites available as of 12/20/2022. Many other non FH sites available in other loops -
	www.reserveamerica.com	Host: Tim and Ally Ebbers
Mar 28-Apr 02 Region 9 Rally	JB WELLS PARK, ARENA & EXPO 2301 County Road 191 Gonzales, TX	This is your opportunity to experience a larger rally, and replaces a THCU rally for this month. Info on registration to follow from Region 9. Rally runs Tuesday – Sunday.
Apr 20-23	Schatziland RV Resort 3169 Florence Street San Marcos, TX 78666 (737) 221-3331	This is a brand new park in San Marcos. Mention that you are with Texas Hill Country Unit. Rate is 65/nite, but will drop by \$15/nite if we have 10+ rigs signed up. Currently, there are 12 rigs signed up. Host: Bob and Jan Grimes
May 18-21	Airport Park Lake Waco 4600 Skeet Eason Rd Waco, TX 76708	Group site is been booked with 7 sites. If you want to book a site, please make own reservations with <u>www.recreation.gov</u> . Please let Bob Grimes (txairstreamer@gmail.com) or Zephyr Marek (faye_marek@yahoo.com) know if you are coming Host: Dan and Zephyr Marek
Jun 28– Jul 01 International	International Rock Springs, WY	
Aug TBD	Mid Year Luncheon	Location TBD
Sep 17-22 Big Bend Caravan	Roadrunner RV Park 23315 FM 170 Terlingua, TX 79852 432-466-1036	Depart Saturday 9/16, overnight in general Ft. Stockton area, arrive in Ter- lingua Sunday 9/17. Five nights, four days on site, head home 9/22. You can caravan or go at your own pace. Current rate \$55/nite. September av- erage low 58, average high 78. Coordinator: Bob and Jan Grimes
Oct 19-22	Schitz Creek Distillery 101 County Road 257 Liberty Hill, TX 78642	This will be a boondocking event and there is a limit on the number of rigs attending. Registration info to follow. Host: Dan and Zephyr Marek
Nov 16-19 Thanksgiving and Installation rally	The Vineyard in Fredricksburg RV Park 2647 N US Highway 87 Fredericksburg, TX 78624 <u>thevineyardsrvpark.com</u>	Call the park for reservations. Let them know you are with the THCU group. Host: Mike and Pat Green and Gerry and Theresa Davis
Dec TBD	Holiday Luncheon; location TBD	

