



# The Alamo Bugle



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## Presidential Ponderings Summer Edition 2023

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours well. Not much to report really. I got married. There's that. What else? Hot weather in Texas. Nothing new there. Oh, okay. I am frankly thrilled to announce to any who do not know, that I married the club's treasurer. Rest assured all the money in the account is still there and it will be independently audited, so rest easy on that.

From the outside looking in, ours is an unusually quick courtship and marriage story, but from inside our little local Airstream community, it seemed to be no big surprise to everyone but me. Marrying Roseann Wood-now-Young, frankly, was a no-branner. She is beautiful, smart, a great cook, and full of adventure. Also, she has been around Airstreams longer than I have. One of the most common questions to me from many of Roseann's lady friends in the club has been, "What took you so long?" (To Roseann, the most common question is probably, "What were you thinking?")

The short answer to the question directed at me is I'm not particularly bright, but once in a while I have flashes of real genius. Marrying Roseann was that sort of thing. What is also true is that up until the Region 9 Rally held in Gonzales at the end of March/early April, any time she and I were together we were surrounded by all of you coming to enjoy rallies together. And because we are currently officers, we were always busy with club business.

Then came Gonzales. We went to represent TAU but the bulk of that rally was on the shoulders of others. This gave us the unusual opportunity to take some walks and simply relax and talk. And that's when I woke up and realized that perhaps living out my life as a single guy wasn't my only option. Roseann already understood this, so I'm told.



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And because this marriage was such an Airstream-centric event, it should not surprise anyone that our first and official wedding ceremony was in an RV park. A big thanks to Eldon and Barbara Sheffer who diverted their travels to come through San Antonio so Eldon could marry us. I think this just goes to show you that if you need help with your Airstream or to get married, TAU has got you covered.

Thanks to the many of you who were able to attend our party held at Rich and Diane Espinoza's beautiful home and back yard. Not just a few travelled hundreds of miles to be with us. We feel very humbled and loved by your willingness to come out on a scorching Saturday afternoon in July. Also, thank you to AnnMarie and Samuel Esparza for helping with so many behind the scenes logistical details. You are both amazing as well.

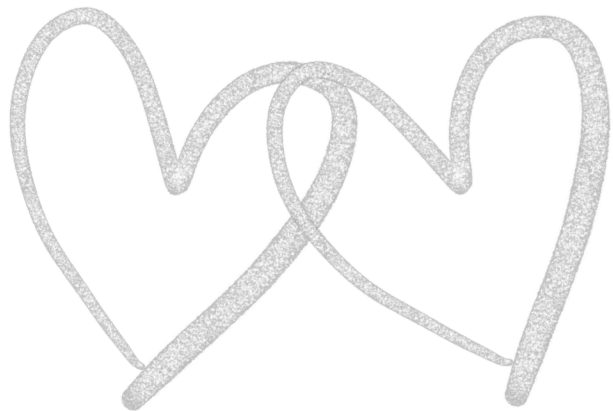
All of this to say that Roseann and I are so blessed to be a part of this club. Please come and join us at my final rally as your president. It is scheduled for September 22-24 at the Roadrunner RV Park.

The address is 501 S. Hwy 281, Johnson City, Texas 78636. (830) 255-7650.

When you call to reserve your spot, be sure to tell them that you are part of our rally.



Roseann and Ben Young





## Lunch out at Chris Madrids



Table for 6! Looks like some fun was had at Chris Madrids in May! Club participants include: Geno and Betty Dunn, Jimmy Cook and Mari Rabinowitz, Roseann and Ben Young (not pictured because he was the photographer)

Please join the next meetup  
at Chris Madrid's  
Saturday, September 9th  
12 noon - 1pm  
*(We meet on every 2nd Saturday of the  
month)*



# Rally Schedule. 2023-2024



**September 22-24** Roadrunner RV Park  
501 S Hwy 281, Johnson City 2023  
830-255-7650

**Oct 27-29, 2023** Mystic Quarry  
13190 FM 306 Canyon Lake, TX 78133  
POC Monica 830-964-3330

**Nov 23-26, 2023** Oakwood Resort  
FM 2093 Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
POC Malinda 830-997-9817

**Dec 2023** NO RALLY

**Jan 26-28, 2024** Longhorn RV Resort  
12921 Camino Real Niederwald, TX 78640  
512-398-3677

**Feb 23-25, 2024** Parkview Riverside  
2561 Co Rd 350, Concan, TX 78838  
830-232-4006

**Mar 22-24, 2024** Oakwood RV Resort  
78 FM 2093 Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
830-997-9817

**April 19-21, 2024** Patriot RV Park  
5784 US-90 ALT East Gonzales, TX 78629  
1 (830) 468-5709

**May 2-5, 2024 Region 9 Rally**  
Skyline Ranch RV Park  
2231 Hwy. 16N Bandera, TX 78003  
830-796-4958

**May 17-19, 2024** Lagoons RV Resort  
600 Enterprise Blvd Rockport, TX 78382  
361-729-7834

**Sept 27-29, 2024** Lake Buchanan  
1420 FM690, Burnet, TX 78611  
512-887-7410

## Weekend Schedule

### Thursday Early Arrivals:

4 pm Social Hour  
6 pm Potluck Dinner

### Friday:

4 pm Social Hour  
5 pm Opening Ceremonies  
6 pm Dinner

### Saturday

8:30 am Breakfast  
9:30 am Pay Rally Fees  
5 pm Social Hour  
6 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Games

### Sunday

8:30 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Devotional



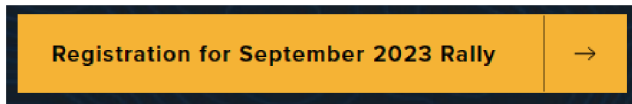
We've been hard at work updating our club's Airstream website.

[www.airstreamclub.org/texas-alamo](http://www.airstreamclub.org/texas-alamo)

Click on the link above or visit the home website of TAU. Take a look at the side bar on the home page, you'll be able to find past newsletters as well as upcoming events, like all the rallies!



After you get to the rally page, click on the yellow button to fill out your information to sign up for our September and October Rallies! See example of registration button below.



Make note that the weekend Rally Schedule is also posted there as well as other Special Events.

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Do you have an idea for an article, interview, or something else you'd like to share with the club? I'd love to hear from you! The articles are all written by TAU members... like you! Submissions for the newsletter (including rally write-ups) should be emailed to Muffin (muffincamp@gmail.com) no later than the 15th of the month before publication (deadline for next issue: Sept 15th). Pieces received after that date will be included in the next newsletter.





### “What I Did On My Summer Vacation”

by Hula Girl

I took Mom & Dad (a/k/a Catwoman & Davo) to the Viva Big Bend Music Festival in Alpine, Texas, followed by another 4 nights in Davis Mountains State Park.

We left on July 23, and did a “slow ride” (obscure Foghat band song reference) to Alpine, arriving on July 25. Set up camp at Lost Alaskan RV Park. Nice place, and according to my humans, the pool is COLD. Yea!!!

Night 1 saw the humans bail on me and go out to dinner at Reata Restaurant in Alpine. They apparently had a good time, and cleaned their plates. NO DOGGIE BAG CAME HOME! BOO!

The next day the music festival kicked off, and my folks did it all. Unfortunately for me, most of the places did not indulge 4 leggers, but I was quite content to hang out in my “Silver Kennel” in the uber-cold A/C and listen to Marfa Public Radio. Highly recommended!

Quirky event of the trip: Catwoman & Davo saw a camel in front of the Holland Hotel. His name is “Carl”. Only in West Texas.

The last day of the festival was at a pet-friendly environment, the Marathon Motel & RV Park courtyard. I was able to go to this show, and was very familiar with the courtyard there, having made pee-pee in the grass on numerous prior visits. We scored a good spot in the shade, and I did my best work of low growling and a little showing of teeth to keep my pack’s chair area clear of these interloping German Shepards.

We departed the following day for the Davis Mountains State Park, and spent 4 days lounging and grilling before heading home. Side trips to Marfa to see some friend’s recently completed home, and a trip to the Chihuahuan Desert Center were also on the calendar.

Headed home to the “Surface of the Sun”. And, yes it was hot in West Texas, but about 10 degrees cooler than San Antonio. Would go again in a heartbeat! Gas up the truck, Dad!



I keep cool with my own fan.



My humans occasionally bring me back a “doggie bag”.





## **JUNE**

21 Blanche Royall  
27 David Flores

## **JUNE**

10 Ben & Roseann Young  
20 Eldon & Barbara Sheffer

## **JULY**

12 Sue Rogers  
19 Joi Taylor  
20 Jason Pugh

## **JULY**

11 Morris & Muffin Camp  
29 Greg & Dottie Ulrich

## **AUGUST**

3 Mari Rabinowitz  
8 Bob Waggener  
14 Levoy Dell  
20 Cliff Hall  
21 Les Postlethwait

## **AUGUST**

17 Woody & Nova Stephenson

## **SEPTEMBER**

12 Morris Camp  
22 Susan Postlethwait  
22 Denise Tillman  
22 Tom Rogers  
23 Cathy Willis  
28 George Taylor

## **SEPTEMBER**

22 Steven & Stephanie McConnell  
26 Geno & Betty Dunn  
27 David & Diana Flores

Great news if you are wanting to go on a caravan and want to go to the 2024 International Airstream Rally In Missouri. The BoD approved the Show Me the Show Me State Caravan for 2024. Tentative dates are October 1 thru Oct 15.

The 2024 International Airstream Rally is in Sedalia, Missouri. Some of us have been talking about going together. Then the word caravan came and here we are! Below is a quick, broadstroke of my plan to create the Show Me the Show Me State Caravan. (name subject to change)

I plan to have one activity per travel day to break things up a bit, have us walk a bit and be amazed. Dinners will be much like our Caves, Graves and Staves caravan...rally style with assigned cooks and helpers. Emphasis will be exploring, wonder and fellowship. Crystal mining, ruin stone hike, RT 66 and much much more!

The caravan would enter the fairgrounds together as a caravan, one of many coming into the rally. Sounds fun doesn't it!?!??

Rally Dates: October 5 thru October 11

Location: Missouri State Fair Grounds, Sedalia Missouri

Miles from San Antonio: 801

Oct 1 - START Texas Airstream Harbour, Zavala, Texas

334 miles from San Antonio

Oct 2 - Oak Grove Campground, DeQueen Arkansas

228 miles

Oct 3 - Hickory Creek Park, Lowell Missouri

203 miles

Oct 4 - Knob Noster State Park, Knob Noster Missouri

242 miles

Oct 5 - Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia Missouri

20 miles

HOME BOUND

Oct 12 - Ozark View RV Park, Omaha Arkansas

172 miles

Oct 13 - Ron Coleman Crystal Mine, Jessieville Arkansas

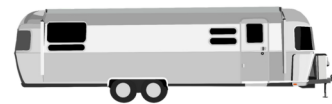
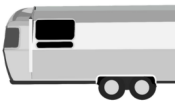
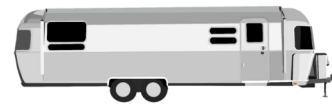
157 miles

Oct 14 - END Red Hill Lake Campground, Milam Texas

290 miles

Oct 15 - San Antonio Texas 342

342 miles



So my thoughts are that this will be a two part caravan. Part 1 is from Texas to the International Rally, Part 2 is the trip back to Texas. The reasoning behind this is that there has been some talk of using the end of the 2024 International Airstream Rally In Missouri as a jumping off point for going to other places up north....like the Badlands.....or Custer State Park. And of course some people just need to get home and back to work....I really feel bad for them.....just saying.

I can do a total of 15 units, so the first 14 to sign up are in! But do not fear, we will have a waiting list. And trust me...things happen. And just like the Caves, Staves and Graves Caravan we will be doing meals rally style and traveling in smaller groups each day. While at the International Rally we can do some field trips near the fairgrounds.

Please email Sue P for the application. The page could not be attached to this document.

**texasalamou168@gmail.com with 2024 Caravan in Title.**



Dear Region 9 Team,

The 12 Region Presidents met via Zoom this evening to reach consensus on the motion concerning changes to Blue Beret. The consensus based on membership input secured by each Region President and a Region President poll is 4 hard copy Blue Beret magazines per year and a printed copy of the membership directory annually for purchase. There will be monthly digital Blue Beret Bulletins as well as quarterly membership directory updates in digital PDF formats. And there is a Blue Beret Blog online with continuous articles, interviews, and information. The final vote on the motion with the entire IBT will take place on August 1, but I thought you would like a heads up on how the discussion went.

Our Region supported 6 Blue Berets per year and a printed directory, but that is not what the majority of membership polled by Presidents supported.

As you share this projected change with your local club members, please share these facts with them:

In 2016 changes were made to enhance the quality of the BB. Those costs were offset by membership dues. However, rising cost of printing and the 3 postage increases scheduled for the next year are no longer offset by our dues or our advertisers

Our advertisers no longer want print medium as advertising platform. One advertiser in particular contemplated dropping ACI print only platform until we offered digital platforms and they then agreed to a higher priced advertising package that included digital platforms. Digital allows advertisers to track via cookies and clicks, etc to gain more marketing information. Even if you disagree, that is what is happening and it has financial impact

Reducing printing cost of BB balances our budget and directs \$45,000 into corporate reserve for future deficits.

Thank you for your input and helping me represent our Region. I will support the consensus reached at our meeting tonight at the IBT meeting scheduled for August 1.

Sincerely,

Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9 President



## Other fun times...

From Betty and Geno Dunn:

Here are some of pictures of us on our summer job in the oil fields at our gate.



Posankka in Turku, Finland

Morris and I have not been traveling in our Airstream lately. We took some time to travel by air for 71 days to 6 different counties (which included Israel, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Germany and Finland - where the interesting pig-duck statue lives, see photo). We saw so many historical sites and art. Each country had its own unique delicious cuisine. Most of all we enjoyed making new friends and seeing old friends and family as well. It's a long time to be away from our trailer and we look forward to more time on our beloved Airstream. ~ Muffin Camp



Selfie with an unnamed camel in Jerusalem



# MAY RALLY

