



COYOTE TALES



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President's Message: Summer 2023 & ROCK SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL

WACO, TX JUMPOFF

2023 has sped by and half the year is already here and gone! As we prepared for our journey to Rock Springs, WY, I don't think we have ever had so much "stuff" packed into our truck and trailer. We expected to need plenty of summer clothes but also some warmer shirts and pants we would need in the mountains. We



started out on June 9th from Kingwood and drove to Deer Crossing RV park in Waco, TX where we met 100 degree Texas heat, Jim and Lisa Feine, Susan, John Sheridan (along with Clarabelle) and Clark Gardner & Debbie Pfunder.



Rick and Tracy Elkins, (with Finn &

Gracie) arrived the next day as did Ken and Lia Laney (with pups Go-Go, Dandee and a honkin' big Harley motorcycle in the back of his truck!) Over the next couple of days we toured Magnolia Market & Silos, Baylor University (Susan's Alma Mater), the Dr. Pepper Museum, and the Waco Mammoth National Monument, the Waco Suspension Bridge built in 1870.

We were signed up to do a Brazos River Cruise but a sudden bad weather storm required it to be cancelled by the operator. On the 10th, despite the 100-degree heat, we were able to set up tables and chairs in a shady spot where we gathered for Happy Hour and Susan Sheridan's scrumptious chicken casserole dish served from the tailgate of my truck! After eating, Maria served everyone a strawberry cupcake to celebrate my birthday! We survived the heat and then hurriedly put everything up as dark clouds started gathering and a wind kicked up. Before the night was over, we had a little rain and hail in true Texas fashion.



QUANAH, TX

After a huge breakfast prepared by Tracy Elkins and served in front of their trailer on the 12th of June, we left Waco in two groups for a 285-mile drive to Quanah, TX (actually the township of Goodlett, TX) where we spent one night at the Ole Towne Cotton Gin RV right on Hwy 287. This is a quaint site where we enjoyed a **bring-your-own-dish** dinner inside the cavernous building that houses the original cotton gin dating from the turn of the 20th century.

Before heading to Amarillo the next day, Jim and Lisa Feine accompanied us to the 1884 old Train Depot near downtown Quanah. The depot has been turned into a fabulous museum filled with a variety of memorabilia from the time of the town's namesake, Quanah Parker. The Comanches captured Cynthia Ann Parker in 1836 when she was 8 years old. Cynthia later became the wife of Chief Nocona and was the mother of Quanah Parker. If you have time to visit the museum on your way to Amarillo, don't pass it up!



AMARILLO, TX

Amarillo was a short 150-mile drive from Quanah where we were all checked into Big Texan RV Ranch for a three-night stay. This park is located on Hwy 287 and easily accommodated our group with full hook up was in walking distance of the Big Texan Steak Ranch Restaurant. I don't think any of our group tried the 72 ounce steak but we all had plenty of food to eat!

There are some really great things to see in Amarillo such as the Sizemore RV Museum and a section of Route 66 Hwy near downtown. Best of all however, is the 28-mile drive south to Palo Duro Canyon State Park. It is like a miniature Grand Canyon with beautiful canyon and rock formations of the Caprock Escarpment. It has been inhabited by humans for the last 10 to 15,000 years.

As you approach the canyon that land is completely flat until suddenly, the ground opens and sinks 800 feet deep with beautiful canyon walls of red earth and rock. There is a park building constructed by the CCC workers containing a gift shop, panoramic views of the canyon from large glass windows, historical artifacts, videos of Indians hunting buffalo from horse back with bow and arrows filmed in the 1920's demonstrating how they thrived in the winters and blazing summers in the canyons.



On the night of June 14th our group returned to the Canyon for the TEXAS Outdoor Musical in the Pioneer Amphitheater where we enjoyed a BBQ dinner and then watched a troupe of singers, dancers, and musicians put on their 57th summer season musical! The performance was truly entertaining as well as visually impressive with live horses, great sets, and lighting that showcased the canyon walls behind the stage. We highly recommend this event for anyone traveling near Amarillo in the summer.



The next afternoon, we gathered in some shade at our Big Texan campsite and used our trucks as windbreaks from the gusting breeze for Happy Hour and then were treated by Lia Laney's vegetable and beef dish served over rice. The Gardner's brought salad and Susan Sheridan made wonderful pork dumplings.

RATON, NM / MONUMENT, CO

On June 16th, we drove to Raton, NM and spent one night in town at the KOA before driving through Raton Pass the next morning on our way to Monument, CO where we spent three nights at the Colorado Heights Camping Resort. This gave us a chance to visit the Air Force Academy in nearby Colorado Springs. What an impressive Academy, Book & Gift Store, and retired aircraft displays on part of the 18,500 acres of the campus!

The next day, we travelled to Manitou Springs, and met up with Vernon and Jo Goodwin for the 9 mile Cog Train 9 miles up to Pike's Peak. The ride up is picturesque with



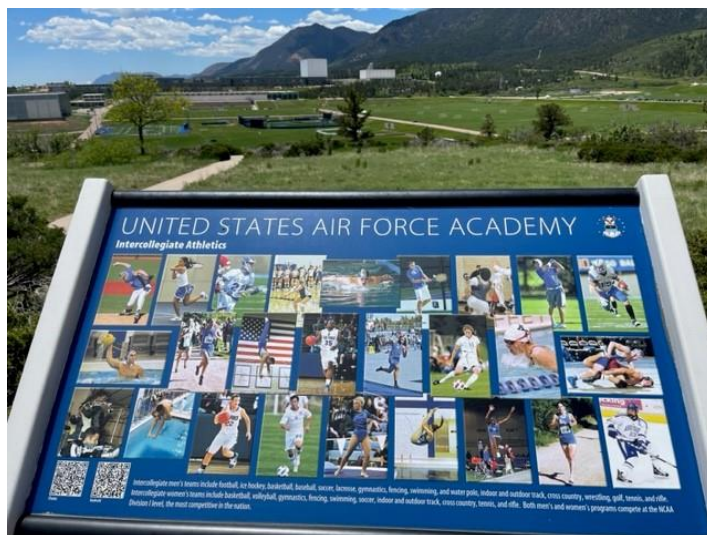
2000 year old

Bristlecone pines,

Ponderosa pines, and clear mountain streams.

On reaching the 14,000-foot top, we were greeted by very thin air, a blanket of snow, and a restaurant where we had donuts and snacks. We were warned by the conductors that we only have 45 minutes before we have to be back on the cog train or the doors will lock and we would be left. We set our watches and got back with 5 minutes to spare.

Unfortunately, several failed to get back and were left to get down later the best way they could. After the ride down, we toured Manitou Springs and had a nice lunch with Jim and Lisa Feine.



RAWLINS, WY

On June 20, we departed the campground for the drive to our last stop before Rock Springs. We drove the 280 miles to Rawlins, WY at the Red Desert Rose Campground Park for one night. We now joined by Jerry and Carol Goodwin, Vernon and Jo Goodwin, and Gary and Pam Alley. To celebrate, we found a great restaurant in Rawlins called Michael's Big City Steakhouse! The owner provided us with our own room that accommodated our group. We had a great meal and plan to return there if we are in Rawlins again (which the Feine's did after International!)

ROCK SPRINGS, WY JUNE 21ST, 2023



It was only 150 miles from Rawlins to Rock Springs. Rick & Laurie Vice arrived with us and we were all parked in our sites by 1:00 pm. The Sweetwater Events Center is a nice facility that has over 1200 full hook up sites and almost 100,000 feet of covered pavilion space.

The attendance was over 1200 trailers! (See aerial photos below) Our GHAC members were grouped together in corrals that had full hookups and a great view of White Mountains directly to our west. There was plenty of parking available as well. The weather was cool in the mornings and evenings but did

get a little warm during the daytime. The wind was ever-present with occasional sudden gusts that taught us not to leave our awnings open when we were elsewhere.

We discovered some interesting things to do such as drive the 19-mile Wild Horse Scenic Loop. We drove it and saw several groups of beautiful wild horses. We visited the nearby Bureau of Land Management (BLM) horse corral where wild horses are brought regularly to control the population from over-grazing the open land. They are for sale if anyone is interested in bringing one home for \$185.00. Burros are also available! We took a day trip up to South Pass City, WY which is a ghost town now but was the site of a goldrush in 1869 that saw the town grow to 3,000 people. Many of the buildings are restored and available for touring and managed by the State of Wyoming. Nearby you can



still see the wheel paths of the Oregon and California wagon trails where settlers were traveling West for their fortunes.

Several of our members drove to Flaming Gorge just to the south of Rock Springs; we opted for a tour bus to take us there. This gorge is quite majestic with mountain views of the Green River that runs through it.

We were treated to a sandwich, chips, drinks, and desserts by the driver and tour guide.

There were some great restaurants in Rock Springs such as Eve's at the White Mountains Golf Course, Lew's in town, and Old Chicago Pizza provided us with great pizza for the whole GHAC group when we had dinner under the newly built Spicer Pavilion that came with a large propane fireplace that was needed due to the cool weather that evening.

The Airstream dealers from Salt Lake City, UT and Etna, WY shared time to show off new Airstreams in one of the large tents. Several sales and trades took place and ice cream was served for a few dollars. The usual Swap Meet was held and lots of new and used items were

bought and sold. Vernon Goodwin sold several of his Hitch Handles. If you don't have one of these, you need to contact him for one. He is currently in Alaska where he and Jo caravanned from Rock Springs. They are staying out of the triple-digit heat we are experiencing in the South.

Other GHAC attendees went their separate ways after International and visited Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, the Badlands, Yellowstone, Sturgis, Devils Tower, the Grand Tetons, and Jackson Hole.

We stayed an extra 6 days in Rock Springs with the Feine's, the Alley's, and Sheridan's before heading to Craters of the Moon in Arco, Idaho, Salt Lake City, and Moab, UT to the Canyonlands and Arches National parks. We concluded by staying with friends in Pagosa Springs, CO, Santa Fe, NM, Abilene, Fort Worth and back to Houston. All our group got home safely! Gary and Pam Alley got to see a lot of Salt Lake City waiting on an axle from Dexter after several miscues on delivery, but they are back in Kingwood!



THE SUNSHINE CORNER

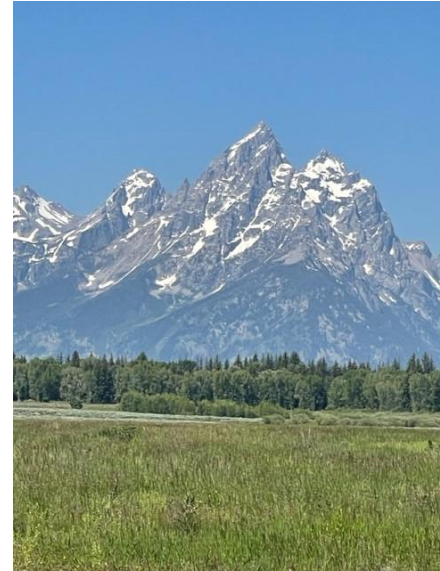
SUMMER 2023

By Carol Goodwin

The summer reminds me of our country's devotion to patriotism with Memorial Day and Fourth of July holidays. There are parades with veterans dressed in their uniforms and waving flags reminding us of their sacrifice to serve our country. There are bands playing patriotic music to remind us of our forefathers' spirit to declare our independence. And, there are children riding their bicycles decorated with red, white, and blue colors to remind us that they will inherit our country's legacy of freedom. We can show our patriotism by voting, supporting veterans' groups, and visiting National Parks or historical landmarks. Have a great summer!

MEMBERS' NEWS

Irene Lyddon had a follow-up appointment with her doctor who performed her hip replacement surgery. He advised her to take it easy (no bending, lifting, etc.) for four weeks. She says it will be a struggle, but wanted everyone to know that she is all right. She will try to occupy herself watching tv/movies and crocheting. She has such an optimistic attitude and I'm sure she'll be back traveling to rallies soon. Condolences to Caren Bundy and family on the recent loss of her sister, Lynn Verbrugge.

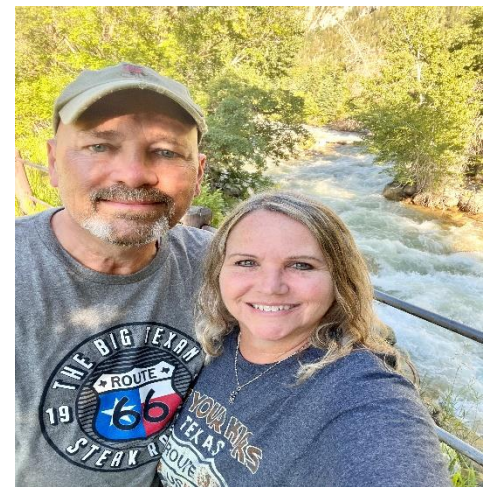


WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Gina Smith (BRN 17500) as a new affiliate member to our club. She lives in Galveston and is a member of the East Texas Lakes Unit. She travels with her Golden Retriever, Turbo. She just joined our Memorial Day Weekend Rally in San Leon, and they enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having them with us.

We also welcome 2 new members who joined in July, Kelly and Gina Hargraves. We are including a short bio for members to get the opportunity to get to know them ahead of time

We have been married 8 years. Together, we have 7 children and 16 grandchildren. Yes- wow! We love Disney and love to travel and find great little hole in the wall restaurants. We had a travel trailer and fifth wheel before our Airstream, which has always been a dream of ours. We recently drove from Texas to Utah to purchase that dream. We now have our perfect sized little Bambi, and we are loving it! We are excited to be a part of GHAC and look forward to meeting everyone soon!



We'd also like to recognize other new members who joined GHAC over the summer.

Alan and Julie Kulak (12301) from Crosby, TX
Jeremy and Della Haines (19518) from Montgomery, TX
Raj and Narmin Parpia Ramlal (2385) from Pearland, TX

Mark and Danielle Sitton (21413) from Spring, TX
Tim and Cindy West (19963) from Conroe, TX

JULY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Lia Laney	July 1	Virginia Taroni	July 17
Eloise Reeves	July 1	Gene Blanchard	July 20
Susan Raia	July 2	Louise Parry	July 20
Jan Rightmyer	July 4	Perry Neichoy	July 24
Pete Baker	July 9	David Petit	July 27
Michael De La Mora	July 11	Kirk Wells	July 28
Rick Vice	July 15	David Parry	July 29
Patti Blanchet	July 16	Christopher Dalston	July 31

JULY CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

Steve & Donna Cummins	July 10	Tim & Jody Bashor	July 23
John & Deborah Davis	July 10	Bruce Lee &	
Ron & Suzan Bernucho	July 15	Leslie Spilman	July 26
George & Jamie Nixon	July 16	Perry & Kay Neichoy	July 30
Jim & Mary Miller	July 20		

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Corrine Collins	August 1	Bob Miller	August 13
Jason Goodwin	August 2	Reid Westmoreland	August 15
Lisa Hansen	August 3	David Rice	August 16
John Fuselier	August 4	Ken Laney	August 17
Sharlene Ferrin	August 5	Jim Miller	August 19
Cheryl Verlander	August 6	Jennifer Cary	August 24
Jose Baptista	August 8	Tina Miller	August 24
Dan Nugteren	August 9	Carol Baker	August 26
Jim Shults	August 10	Vicki Ketchum	August 28
Eric McMurphy	August 11	Tonia Goodwin	August 29
Tom Taroni	August 11		

Anniversaries

Bob & June Hutson	August 3	Stephen & K.D. Couch	August 19
Mike & Susan Beal	August 5	John & Amanda Gayle	August 20
Bob & Dell Jones	August 6	Richard & Shannon Cull	August 21
Jack & Beverly Williams	August 8	Larry & Linda Ford	August 21
Nelson & Marilyn Tears	August 13	Paul & Sabra Francis	August 23
Jim & Liesa Glover	August 14	Michael & Carrie Iversen	August 28
		Danny & Till Brown	August 29

2023 RALLIES

The following is a list of GHAC rallies scheduled for the remainder of the year. Please make your reservations with the parks as early as you can. Parks release the sites that have been hold for us rather early. In addition, there is the Jot Form link below for payment of Rally fees.

[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 \(airstreamclub.org\)](#)



Memorial Day Rally Happenings

As we began the weekend, 18 of the 22 rigs registered for the Memorial Day Rally arrived at the *Big Spot RV Resort™* in San Leon Texas on Thursday May 25th. Arriving early were Jerry & Tracey Calvert, Tom Harris & Sherry Miller (visiting from McKinney, TX), Ron & Janice Lange, Don & Helen Teegarden, Wayne & Liza Wilkerson, Rick & Tracy Elkins, Eric & Holly McMurphy, Unit President Dan & Maria McAnulty, Jim & Lisa Feine, Alan, Bernadine, & Ashley Billard, John & Deborah Davis, Tom & Virginia Taroni, Pete & Carol Baker, Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Tom & Caren Bundy, Jerry & Carol Goodwin. Then Gina Smith joined us from the East Texas Lakes Unit, and before the weekend was over, she was an affiliate member of GHAC. New MAL members Raj & Narmin Ramlal joined us for their first Airstream rally. We look forward to them attending many more rallies with us in the future.

After everyone settled in, they enjoyed a dinner of “bring something to grill and a side to share”. In true Airstream fashion everything was delicious and there was quite a variety to pick from.

On Friday we were joined by 4 remaining rigs. They were Jerry Lyddon & grandson Christian (filling in for Irene who is still recovering from hip surgery), Jim & Liesa Glover, Jim & Barbara Mercer along with their grandson William, and Chris & Lana Dalston. Everyone enjoyed a relaxing day of sun and warm ocean breezes. Some folks even enjoyed a dip in the refreshing park swimming pool. In the evening, all 45 attendees headed over to *Topwater Gril™* for a seafood dinner. The staff there was prompt, and the food was great along with the views!

Saturday started with a **Breakfast Casserole** and fruit. Immediately after breakfast, President Dan McAnulty called to order and conducted the annual GHAC meeting. At 1pm, members drove over and toured the **Lone Star Flight Museum™**. A ‘docent’ was there to provide information to our guests about the various planes and memorabilia on display. Ron Lange even shared some of his experiences of while he served in Vietnam.

Upon returning to the RV park, everyone gathered for a delicious shrimp boil dinner prepared by the hosts, Vernon & Jo Goodwin, Tom & Caren Bundy, and Jerry & Carol Goodwin. After dinner some folks meandered across the road to the park’s private pier, to watch a spectacular sunset, while others continued to visit on the patio under the elevated club house.

Sunday morning everyone enjoyed Breakfast Tacos. Following breakfast, a Memorial Day devotional was held. This devotional focused on the **meaning and folding of the American flag**. The flag that was used during the folding ceremony was the one that recently draped the casket of Vern Goodwin, Jr, and WWII veteran, GHAC member and Past International President of WBCCI **#131**.

Sunday’s main activity was a visit to **Space Center Houston™**. There one can learn the history of space travel and exploration and find out what plans lie ahead as we travel farther and farther into space. If you were lucky enough to be attending with Don Teegarden, you would have found out many behind the scenes stories.

Of course, a holiday weekend would not be complete without a good ole’ fashioned picnic complete with hamburgers and hot dogs. Oh, and don’t forget cold watermelon! Once again, there was more visiting that went on, on the patio, before retiring for the evening.

Memorial Day dawned with some rain clouds dotting the sky. As we were eating our breakfast, a waterspout was spotted in the bay. Fortunately, after about 5 minutes it dissipated, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

Now that summer is officially underway, here’s wishing you safe travels.

“See you down the road.”

Jo & Vernon Goodwin

Greater Houston Airstream Club
Alligators and Scarecrows Rally at Huntsville State Park
This year is the Texas State Parks 100th Anniversary.
October 20th - 22nd ,2023
565 Park Rd. 40 W, Huntsville, TX

Hosts: Ron and Janice Lange, Cohosts: Don & Helen Teegarden, and Wayne & Liza Wilkerson

Register on the jot form which includes full hookups and the camping fee of \$50 for 2 nights. If you are going to get there a few days early or stay a few days afterward you will **need** to contact Dan McNulty at (832)392-7033, to find out which campsite has been assigned to you so that you don't have to move. We will have a scarecrow contest Saturday after dinner so be thinking how you can dress a scarecrow and bring materials etc. to do that (i.e. old pants, shirts, hats, gloves, etc.)

See things to do in Huntsville on page 2

Rally Schedule

Thursday: October 19 Dinner on your own. Those that arrive Thursday, the hosts are planning at 6:30 to meet at McKenzie's BBQ in Huntsville (about 10 miles) for dinner. You are welcome to join us or eat out on your own.

Friday, October 20:

Breakfast and lunch are on your own.

1:30 to 2:00 PM Meet to carpool to the Sam Houston Memorial Museum

2:00 to 4:30 PM Tour Sam Houston Memorial Museum. Come join us for a step back in history with a guided tour. Please be there by 2:00. Sign up for the tour on the Jot Form

5:15 PM Happy Hour Located at the Group Shelter, bring your own beverage. Odd **"site numbers"** bring appetizers. Icebreaker Activity: A fun game.

6:15 PM Taco Dinner and dessert provided by Hosts. After dinner, Hosts will provide everything needed for smores to be cooked on an open fire.

Saturday, October 21:

7:30 AM Early rise folks, Coffee at the Group Shelter

8:00 AM Breakfast, Pancakes, and fruit, with syrup

Lunch on your own.

1:00 PM Texas Prison Museum (Group rate \$4), next door is the Hearts Museum (Military Museum with a replica to scale of the Vietnam wall)

5:00 PM Happy Hour Located at the Group Shelter, bring your own beverage. Even **"site numbers"** bring appetizers.

6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner. Bring something to share with those in attendance.

Co-Hosts will provide dessert. After dinner, please bring your items to dress scarecrows, (i.e. old pants, shirts, hats, gloves, etc.)

Sunday October 22:

7:30 AM Early rise folks, Coffee at the Group Shelter

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

Activities to do during the day at the State Park:

Fishing
Many trails to take a hike in the State Park
Mountain bike on the trails, or road bike on streets
Rent Canoes or bring your own, paddle boats.

In the city of Huntsville: (All can be found using Google Maps)

Antiquing in the Huntsville downtown square
Richard Haas downtown murals
Sam Houston's grave site (Oakwood Cemetery)
Sam Houston's statue and Visitor Center
Sam Houston State University
Wynne Home Arts and Visitor Center
Gibbs Powell Home Museum
Café Texan Restaurant (open 6AM to 2PM)/Museum (open 8AM to 2PM, free)

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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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!**