

THE ROADRUNNER



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President's Message— August 2023

Hello Highland Lakers.

We hope y'all have had a Summer full of travel adventures. We've been to Rock Springs and then Seattle and back with great stops along the way. It was fun seeing such a large THLAC crowd in attendance at International. We had almost 60 of us at our Happy Hour. Thanks to the Roberts and Dudley's for hosting. We also bumped into members at such fun stops as Idaho Falls, Cripple Creek and even Washington Land Yacht Harbor where we attended the renewal of the Potlatch Reunion.

Now it's time to look to Fall and our upcoming Rallies. September's Rally at the Range remains sold out but you'll have the opportunity to register for October's Brazos Bend Rally soon and the November Installation Rally at NTAC will be published shortly thereafter.

Bill Saulnier will be posting his December Annual Christmas Rally invite as well as a new edition, your chance to enjoy the Eclipse next April in Hamilton.

We look forward to seeing you at all of these events.

Safe Travels,
Frank & Gayle

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2023

Sept. 29-30 Rally at the Range Vintage RV Resort
 Gourmet Weekend
 Ennis, TX
 Oct. 12-15 Gators, Birds & Stars Rally
 Brazos Bend State Park
 Needville, TX
 Oct. 30-Nov. 13 West of the Pecos Caravan
 Nov. 16-19 Installation Rally—
 NTAC - Hillsboro, TX
 Nov. 30-Dec. 3 Christmas Rally
 Buckhorn Lake Resort, Kerrville, TX

2024

Feb. 15-18 Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering
 Alpine, TX
 April Eclipse Rally—Hamilton
 May 1-5 Region 9 Rally
 Bandera, TX
 Oct 5-12 67th International Rally
 Sedalia, MO

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Check us out:

If you own an Airstream and are curious about what being a member of the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club and the Airstream Club International (WBCCI) would be like, visit us at <https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>. Listed are events offered by our club. You are welcome to attend one of our events provided there is space available. You would be responsible for any fees covering your camping site, event activities and/or meals. We look forward to welcoming you as a prospective member of our club.

SAVE THE DATE

A total **solar eclipse** will darken a swath of North America as the Moon blocks the light of the Sun for a few minutes on

April 8, 2024

In addition to casting a breathtaking, passing shadow over the heads of millions of people, this total **solar eclipse** gives scientists a unique opportunity to study the Sun, Earth, and their interactions.

I thought this could be a good format to let members know: THLAC will be having a solar eclipse rally in early April 2024.

Details to follow soon. Watch your email for registration information.

(submitted by Colin Melton)





Region 9 News

Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9 President

Region 9 Leadership Team

Notes from Region 9 Leadership Team Meeting held at Rock Springs on June 29, 2023 serve to document the changes in leadership positions -

Anna Brandon to 2nd VP [THLAC Affiliate]

Myra Speer to Treasurer

Maxi Millican to Secretary

Michelle Montgomery Wright to Membership Chair [THLAC Affiliate]

A huge thank you to outgoing Region 9 Leaders - Keith Ferry [THLAC Member] and Amy Van Artsdalen [THLAC Affiliate]. Keith served as our secretary for many years and Amy was our Membership Chair for many years. We will honor both of these leaders at our next Region gathering.

SAVE THE DATE!

Region 9 presents the 3rd annual



Streamin' on the Strand
National Event Rally
February, 1-4, 2024

Registration opens September 14th
<https://airstreamclub.org/streamin-strand>

Join us for tons of Fun in the Fall

The 67th Annual Airstream Club International Rally

Sedalia, Missouri: October 5-10, 2024.



Get ready for all the treasured traditions of adventure and friendship at ACI Rally2024, coupled with the fantastic tastes, sights, smells and temperatures of fall in the Midwest.

Founded in 1860 as a railroad town, Sedalia is a community rich in history. But just as the rail system has evolved, so has Sedalia. Sedalia has always been at the center of things, and come 2024 it will be the center of the most anticipated Airstream Rally of the year!

Where the railroad once provided easy access to larger cities, now Highways 50 & 65 serve as the crossroads to compass points beyond. These arteries cross paths here making Sedalia a retail and manufacturing hub for five counties.

While you're visiting for the Rally, be sure to explore the downtown locally-owned restaurants and shops where you'll discover an eclectic mix of treasures along with a warm welcome from the city's residents.

Definitely bring your bikes, not only to get around from your campsite to the buildings, but to cycle along the must-see Katy Trail. The Katy Trails runs 240 miles along the original Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway Line, offering beautiful views of the Missouri countryside, and there is a trailhead right along the Fairgrounds where we'll be!

2024 is the year to catch an International Rally at one of the most historical fairgrounds in the country. We'll be gathering in immaculately kept buildings dating back as early as 1903 while also enjoying some of the Missouri State Fairgrounds newer buildings and modern installations. There is beauty in the mix of the old and new, just like all of us when We Rally Together!

[Click here to visit the Rally2024 website.](#)

[Click here for the online Rally2024 registration form.](#)

[Click here to access the Rally2024 registration PDF.](#)

NEW MEMBER PAGE

Welcome New Members

Guy Gamba & Lisa Brackett
Trophy Club, TX
2023 Globetrotter 30'

Kyle & Christine Pribilski
Spicewood, TX
2023 Globetrotter 27'

Lisa & Mike Pizinger
Austin, TX
2022 Caravel 19'

Jacob Beasl
Glen Arbor, MI
2014 Flying Sloud 26'

Tommy Haydon &
Pam Van de Vere
Austin, TX
2022 sAfare 25'

Christopher & Holly Gizzi
Sony Point, NY
2020 Classic 30'

Rick & Laurie Vice
Missouri City, TX
2019 Flying Cloud 25'

Janet & Buddy Troutman
Plano, TX
2023 International 27'

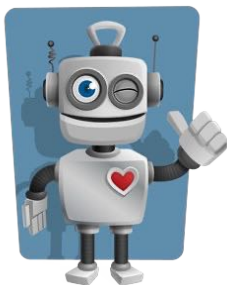
Paul Edmonson &
May Jo Lanzafame
San Diego, CA
2022 Globetrotter 27'

What's the Plan?

While on a recent caravan, we experienced a micro-burst which caused the damage seen in the photo. Let's consider what needs to be done regarding a plan for when travelers may encounter unusual weather events. Before starting your travels, be sure to have your insurance information, title and proof of ownership. Take current photos of your rig with you. Subscribe to a weather app for your phone and purchase a battery operated weather radio. You would be surprised how often cell service is not available during a storm. Check your route for road hazards and weather conditions.

Upon arrival check the surroundings. On the night of the micro-burst a severe thunderstorm was predicted.. We parked in a shady spot next to the river without thinking about how a storm might impact our stay. Ask your camp host for the name of the county and nearest city. This is important information when viewing weather alerts. Also, look around the campground for a safe shelter in case of severe weather. If severe weather is predicted, remain alert with your shoes on and ready to go to safety if necessary. Be sure your pets will be able to go with you safely.

When the storm was over, we first checked on everyone's safety. Be very aware of your surroundings. There was a downed power line which needed to be repaired before we exited our trailer. When it was safe, the damage was assessed and photos were taken before removing branches or taping up windows, etc. If the damage is severe, you will need to contact your insurance company to file a claim. Your insurance representative will guide you through the process. If your damage is minor and you choose to repair it yourself, there are many resources on line which can help for such things as water damage. **TRAVEL SAFELY**



Dear Rivet, My trailer smells musty. What can I do?

Mold and mildew are major enemies of RVers, and they thrive in moisture, so reduce moisture within your RV. This includes running your air conditioning in humid environments, opening windows and doors when possible, running your exhaust fans in your kitchen and bath areas and buying moisture-absorbing packets for closets and storage areas. Wipe out moisture in your sinks and shower. Wash mildew-smelling clothing/sheets in a washer with a couple of cups of distilled white vinegar to kill off the bacteria and leave them smelling fresh.

Nosey

PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Cindi & Mark Cockrill

Hello from the Cockrill's!

We enjoyed a trip to the Great Smoky Mountain NP in the spring. We loved it there! We first camped in Cades Cove Campground (3 nights), loved bike riding the cove on a day automobiles are not allowed. It was so beautiful & we saw a lot of wildlife. We then moved to Smokemont Campground (4 nights), we had a site right on the stream...so pretty! We were able to get a lot of biking & hiking in!

"Let your feet wander, your eyes marvel, and your soul ignite."

Cindi & Mark



PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Cindy & Marty Berdan

We enjoyed our six week trip to the NW via Colorado, and South Dakota starting in early June. It was on our bucket list to get to Olympia NP and the Cascades.

We have been to Custer SP before and it is one of our favorites for viewing Bison safely from our truck. This year was the best visit ever for viewing most of the herd twice in one evening.

As we headed west the price of gas soared to the highest in the nation around 5 dollars in Wa. We had some snow flurries in the beautiful Cascades.

The Olympic Peninsula is huge and many things to see but it does require lots of driving to destinations in the park. We went to the furthest Western point at Neah Bay. So in the past year we have been to the furthest East in Lubec, Maine and furthest West in Neah Bay for the continental US.

The Oregon Coast never disappoints and we commend that state for encouraging camping for all with its many State and County parks along the coast. We did find South Beach SP well run, but a little too big for us. we left a day early.



PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Cindy & Marty Berdan—continued

Stanley, ID is one our very favorite stops on this trip. Lake Stanley is a pristine stop in the Sawtooth Mtns and less crowded than Redfish.

We stopped at Monument Valley and Santa Fe on our way home.

Safe travels to all on the road. This was our first time to have a flat on the Airstream on the road. Luckily we had a tire monitor to warn us of the leak and we pulled over on a very shallow shoulder on Hwy 101. There were no turnouts. We got it changed as Lumber trucks flew by. About 15 miles down the road we were able to get the tire repaired.



PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Cheryl Chanaud & Suzie Lopez

[Santa Rosa Lake State Park](https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/find-a-park/santa-rosa-lake-state-park/), 7 miles north of Santa Rosa, New Mexico
(<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/find-a-park/santa-rosa-lake-state-park/>)

If you drive from Amarillo into New Mexico on I-40, Santa Rosa is 170 miles. It's a pleasant, high desert setting. The campground has some electric sites, restrooms with showers, and even wi-fi hotspots (that sometimes work). There is a trail that circles the entire lake, with boating and fishing activities as well.



Travel Cat: Lucky



Sunrise

PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Cinda & Stanley Brooks

The Brooks—Cinda, Stanley & Ruby are RVing their way to Winnipeg MB Canada for Cinda's 15th (30 years) competition in the World Police & Fire Games. She is defending her Gold "30 year run" in the biathlon-running & pistol. The toughest part of preparation has been getting a pistol into Canada-harder than Australia, Spain, Ireland, Netherlands or Sweden!

Grady & Keith Ferry

We've enjoyed our travels along the Oregon Trail with our caravan friends. Afterward we traveled along the Oregon and California coast on Highway 101. These are some of our stops along the way.



Sinks Park in Lander, WY



Mt. Hood

PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Grady & Keith Ferry—continued

Kim Wah Chung located in John Day, OR is a state heritage site. It was built in 1865 as a stage stop and purchased in 1887 by two Chinese men. It operated as a Chinese medical clinic, general store, community center and residence.. One man served as the store proprietor and the other as a locally famous physician who used herbal medicines. When the men died after serving there for 80 years, the building was closed up and has remained unchanged just as though they had walked out yesterday.



Redwood Forest



Sunset on Depoe Bay, OR



Flamingo Flip

Thanks to a great suggestion from Jamie Eng, # 13135, we have a new page for our newsletter, Flamingo Flip. This is space for you to list items you have for sale or swap. Submit information and photos to Keith Ferry at ferry_keith@hotmail.com.

For Sale

Basecamp 16 original wheels for sale. When we bought our 2018 Basecamp 16, the X model wasn't in production. We had the "X package" installed in the first year of ownership (new wheels). No dings or accidents on these wheels. (The center piece on one rim is missing.) Used locally and one long trip Houston-Moab-Houston. (Note that the tires are 5 years old.) Located in central Houston. \$100 for the pair. Contact Cheryl Chanaud at cchanaud@aol.com for more info.





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