



# COYOTE TALES



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[Dan & Maria McAnulty](#)

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## President's Message

Greetings GHAC members! Welcome to the end of one of the hottest summers on record. September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the first day of Fall. The autumnal equinox will occur this coming Saturday during which the sun will be shining equally on the Earth's Southern and Northern hemispheres. We should see a shift to cooler weather, later sunrises and earlier sunsets! Historically, we humans have marked the coming of Fall with celebrations, festivals, and gathering of crops. In fact, the Stonehenge monuments in England have been used as a gathering place for pagan and druid worshippers for thousands of years and this continues today. In Texas, Fall Festivals are held beginning in September through October. (See <https://www.tripstodiscover.com/best-fall-festivals-in-texas/>)



Speaking of festivals, we just had the September Rally in Fredericksburg at the Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park Campground where we enjoyed watching propeller airplanes and an occasional smaller jet take off and land beside the campground. We have been going there every year for the last 15+ years. This rally was planned a year before and we had hoped for some

Fall temps Unfortunately, mother nature decided otherwise with a drought and temperatures well into the 100's every day. Luckily, the Tatsch House was available for us on Friday and Saturday, and it has AIRCONDITIONING!





The Tatsch House was built by early German immigrant settler Peter Tatsch in the mid-1800's using local stone. Tatsch was a master cabinet maker who built furniture at his shop in town. He and his wife raised five children there. Although the house has been modified to accommodate a modern kitchen and arched ceiling, the basic walls are the same as in the mid-1850's. Beautiful Live Oak Creek runs along the west side of the Tatsch House as it has for hundreds of years. Next to it is the golf course and a walking trail that follows the creek. Because of the excess heat, few of us were able to enjoy some

of these sights but I encourage you to come back for Oktoberfest or a cooler time the year. Maria and I walked the hiking trail last year and found it to be picturesque with sights of deer, squirrels, and chirping birds.



25 years ago, we considered buying property in the Fredericksburg area and even toured some houses. The prices seemed high at the time but since then, prices have become astronomical. There



are now over 100 wineries there and there are more being added. We will continue to visit Fredericksburg and are happy we can stay in our Airstream trailer at the Municipal Park for under \$600 per month which includes WIFI, full hookups, and electricity! Another great reason to own an Airstream.

The upcoming Rally will be at Huntsville State Park on October 19, 20, & 21<sup>st</sup>.

We have 16 rigs signed up to stay on Raven Hill Camping area. The deadline for signing up is

October 10<sup>th</sup> and we only have four (4) sites left.





# THE SUNSHINE CORNER

September 2023

By Carol Goodwin

In the hazy days at summer's end  
When the air's still warm (hot in Houston-Carol) and the green near spent  
When the days grow short and the evenings tall  
Then you feel in a whisper,  
*Fall.*

-Laura Jaworski

## MEMBER CONCERNS

Long-time GHAC member, Bill Miller, had two procedures to address a kidney stone. He did well and is now recovered. He and his wife, Joanne, are currently participating on the Route 66 Caravan.

Our deepest condolences to Dan and Maria McAnulty on the recent passing of his mother, Laura Allene McAnulty. She was 96 years old and in hospice care at the time.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

E. Harvey Craig  
Brett Lyons & Jason Beasley

**Gail Bailey and Scott Louis** Gail and I are recent retirees, Gail was a 1st grade teacher and I worked in the retail liquor business. We purchased our Airstream three years ago just when covid started. It had been a lifelong dream of mine to own an Airstream that began when I read of the adventures of the caravans from Cape Town to Cairo, many years ago. While we were still working and with limited time and campsite availability during this time our camping was limited. But we used the time for short trips and Gail redecorated the dark 80's interior in our unit to a bright and happy Bubble. Rbubble is it's name., a very experienced 2008 19cb Safari SE that has some bumps and bruises.. Yesterday we just returned from a 70 day solo trip to Alaska. This trip covered about 14k miles , eleven states, three Canadian provinces, eight national parks. While I have many years of tent camping experience this is our first experience with the camping in the luxury of an Airstream. I know that many wait for a trip like this to

have more experience on shorter trips , but we decided that waiting was not the road we wanted to take, life is too short not to go for it. Besides we believe in trial by fire. We look forward to many more adventures with this group. We have already made our reservations for the International Rally in Missouri next fall. We are planning at the moment to join with you in October in Huntsville.

### **Mark, Danielle, Kylie & Wyatt Sitton**

Hello from Mark & Danielle Sitton; we have been Airstreamers in our 2018 Sport for 5 years and really enjoy camping. My wife (of 11 years) and I have two kids, Kylie and Wyatt, who are 9 and 6, respectively. Our Big Red Numbers (21413) is our 10-year-old Airedale Terrier's birthday as well. We typically take them out on long weekend trips a few times a year and a longer week trip if possible.

We were in Palo Duro February of 2022 and another Airstreamer talked to us about joining a WBCC group. I liked the idea of the camaraderie so decided to see what it was all about. Also, would be nice to learn more about repairing systems in the rig (though I have learned a lot the hard way!)

I'm a geologist and my wife is a CPA. We live in the Woodlands and have been here for about a year; we moved from Oklahoma City.

We've taken Skye our Airstream to the Balloon Fiesta in ABQ, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, Black Canyon, Theodore Roosevelt, White Sands National Parks. Quite a few state parks, KOAs, and Harvest Hosts. Escaped to cooler temps last summer up in Michigan, but took a break this summer. We explored Huntsville, Garner, and Inks Lake SPs last Winter/Spring.

## **Hosting Opportunities**

The GHAC webpage now lists our exciting, fun 2024 planned rally sites that includes two joint rally's with other Region 9 clubs. All rally's need hosts and/or co-hosts who plan and coordinate the rally meals, activities, games and other fun events.

Jim & Lisa Feine volunteered to host the February 2024 rally in Goodrich, TX! Thank you, Jim and Lisa.

## **2023 Rallies**

[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](#)

## Greater Houston Airstream Club 2023 Unit Officers

### Unit Officers:

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Assistant Treasurer	Caren Bundy	2835
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Trustee 2 Years	Bill Kindle	290
Trustee 1 Year	Daniel Schwarz	5404
Trustee 2 Year	Lisa Feine	31415
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Imm. Past President	Michael Iversen	8621

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Historical		
Membership	Tracy Elkins	9713
Mentorship	Rick Elkins	9713



## GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66 (ONLY US OLD FOGEY'S KNOW THIS SONG)

The Mother Lode of the Mother Road - the Rt 66 Caravan sponsored by Airstream Club International kicked off on Sept 10th in Chicago, IL with 23 rigs ready to traverse Route 66 to Los Angeles, over 1,000 miles, across 60-days! GHAC Members Rick & Tracy Elkins, Jim & Lisa Feine, and Bill & JoAnne Miller are part of this inaugural caravan getting its kicks across, IL, MO, KS, OK, NM, AZ & CA!





# GRAND ENCORE RALLY

*Natchitoches, LA*

NOV. 30 - DEC. 3, 2023



Call Grand Encore RV Park at  
318-238-7446 to reserve your site.  
Then fill out our Jot Form at  
<https://airstreamclub.org-ghac-2023-november-rally>  
Rally Fee: \$16/person

1071 Tazuin Island Rd.  
Natchitoches, LA 71457



Your Hosts: Dan & Maria McAnulty  
Co-Hosts: Eric & Holly McMurphy

## Thursday, Nov. 30

Arrive, Set-up, Dinner on your own or  
with friends.

## Friday, Dec. 1

8am - Breakfast in the Community Room  
8:30am - Speaker from Cane River  
National Historic District  
Lunch - on your own  
5pm - Happy Hour in the Community Room  
6pm - Dinner  
8pm - S'mores & Hot Chocolate around the  
Fire Pit

## Saturday, Dec. 2

8am - Breakfast In the Community Room

### ENJOY NATCHITOCHEES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL!!!

Tickets are \$10/person & can be  
purchased online at  
[www.natchitocheschristmas.com](http://www.natchitocheschristmas.com)

## Sunday, Dec. 3

8am - Breakfast in the Community Room  
Say farewell to friends  
Safe Travels Home!!!



NOV. 18 - JAN. 6

[WWW.NATCHITOCHEESCHRISTMAS.COM](http://WWW.NATCHITOCHEESCHRISTMAS.COM)

### Louisiana's Premiere Holiday Event!

Celebrate the Christmas season in Louisiana's  
oldest city. Enjoy the daylong festival filled with  
music, entertainment, arts & crafts, food vendors,  
and the famous firework show choreographed to  
holiday music over  
Cane River Lake.

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7am-7pm: Mistletoe Market  
1:00pm: Festival of Lights Parade  
6:00pm: Fireworks over Cane River Lake  
2:30pm: Pete & Paul Band  
5:00pm: Johnny Earthquake & the Moondogs



## Fall 2023 News from Nancy – Region 9 Update

**Nancy Fitzgerald, #223**  
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**281-739-5701**

Your Region 9 is in very good hands. We have a full slate of officers, but plenty of room for you should you want to get involved at the Region level. In case you missed the announcements this summer, Tracy Elkins is our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Anna Brandon is our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Maxi Millican is Secretary. Myra Speer is Treasurer and Michelle Wright is our Membership Chair, Tom Bundy is Webmaster and Bill Miller is our past President, and Joanne Miller is Parliamentarian. Planning is underway for our Bandera Bound Region Rally, May 1-5, 2024, at Skyline Ranch RV in Bandera TX. Registration and brochure will be available in November. We encourage any who wants to volunteer for the parking team, morning exercise, Airstream maintenance clinics, campfire musicians, and games and outdoor activities to please let me know. We want to offer as many fun choices as possible in beautiful Bandera. Thank you THCU for serving as the official host of our Rally since we are in your backyard! Several Region 9 members are responsible for leading Airstreamers from across Canada and the US through our Region. West of the Pecos Caravan led by Nancy and Brian Powers of THLAC has gone National! WOP is now a National Caravan and may still have a site or two open for October trip to our Region's state treasure, Big Bend, in 2024. Mother Lode of the Mother Road – Rt 66 National Caravan led by Vicki and Tom Ketchum and co-leaders Tracy and Rick Elkins, all from GHAC are getting their kicks from Illinois to California. This 8-week caravan is the first national caravan to traverse the entire 3.2k miles. Several Region 9 members work to make our Streamin' on the Strand, a National Event Rally, a success. Marya and Bruce Barefoot, THLAC, Tracy and Rick Elkins, GHAC, Anna and David Brandon, NTxAC, and Rich and Diane Espinosa, TAU are the official hosts for this 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event that brings Airstreamers from Michigan to Colorado to Arizona and beyond to party on The Strand in Galveston, Feb 1-4, 2024. Did you know that Texas Six Shooter National Caravan led by Jim and Pam Dudley and co leaders Keith and Barbara Roberts all THLAC is a redesigned caravan of the previously Gone to Texas Caravan. This is a beautiful spring 2024 trip from Alpine to San Antonio to Fredericksburg to Fort Worth with visits to the most iconic Texas sites we have to offer. A goal for Region 9 is to reach out to new and old members with a variety of Airstream Clinics offered in three areas of our Region. Frank Steed, THLAC, is Region 9 Special Events Chair and is working to bring those clinics into existence as a coordinated opportunity for all our local clubs. The intent is to advertise all our clubs through connections with the Airstream dealerships. Frank is not reinventing the wheel, however. Peter and Carol Sajovich, THLAC have been leading the way with their Airstream Newbie clinics done in partnership with Airstreams of Austin. The Sajovichs have developed a unique model that the Region hopes to replicate for all local club marketing. The goal is to involve our two Airstream Parks, North Texas Airstream and Texas Airstream Harbor, to geographically reach more areas of the Region. It's a beginning and we welcome any who want to participate in this outreach to let me know. Please share with any new or new to Airstreams the information about the Explorers Club that is the result of the new partnership between Airstream, Inc. and Airstream Club International. This is a free one-year membership to WBCCI that is made available through dealerships to all new Airstream purchasers. To qualify, the new owner becomes a member at large and is introduced to all the local clubs via letters, phone calls, brochures, and we hope takes the time to rally with several local clubs before joining the "tribe." A few last heads-up items – Next Fireside Chat via zoom with President Eric McHenry is scheduled for November 15 at 6 pm CST. These informative chats allow you to ask specific questions either in writing beforehand or in the Chat. It is time to say thank you to our outgoing club leaders and congratulations to the newly elected. Installations are happening all over the Region in some spectacular RV settings for the fall and winter months. Get out there and say thank you to those who are stepping up to leadership. Hope to see you in Bandera in May if I don't see you on the road first.

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

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

1. GHAC made the reservations and paid for two nights (Friday 10/20 and Saturday 10/21) at a rate of \$25 per night which is part of your rally cost. Rally Fee for meals is \$12.00 per person. Once you sign up in JOT and pay the Rally Fee please call Dan or Maria McAnulty so we can assign you a site. We will provide a list of attendees to the Park Office to help you get checked in. When you arrive at the Park, you will have to pay your own entry fee for the car and passengers unless you have a State Park Pass.
2. If you **plan to come in a day early or stay a day after Saturday**, you will need to contact Dan McAnulty **ASAP!** at (832)392-7033, to find out which campsite has been assigned to you. Then you must call the Group Reservation Office at **512-389-8920** and pay for any additional nights you want to book in that site

**\*\*\*The deadline for signing up is October 10th!\*\*\***

**Let us know if this is your first Rally so we can recognize you!**

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 to meet at McKenzie's BBQ in Huntsville for dinner at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us or eat out on your own.

### Friday, October 20

Breakfast and lunch are on your own.

**1:30 pm: The carpool leaves from the park** to the Sam Houston Memorial Museum (parking is limited)

**2:00 to 4:30 PM Tour Sam Houston Memorial Museum** \$4 per senior (Free for Veterans) Come join us for a step back in history with a guided tour. Please be there by 2:00.\*

**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 s'mores to be cooked on an open fire. **PLEASE BRING TABLE SERVICE AND YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE.**



## Saturday, October 21

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

**8:00 AM** "Breakfast with a Ranger", pancakes, and fruit **PLEASE BRING TABLE SERVICE AND YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE.**

Lunch on your own.

**1:00 PM** Texas Prison Museum (\$4 group rate), 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. **PLEASE BRING TABLE SERVICE AND YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE.**

Before dinner, a drawing will be held to form teams to compete in a scarecrow dressing contest. Please bring items to dress scarecrows, i.e. old pants, shirts, hats, gloves, funny stuff, etc. **7:00 PM** After Dinner we will have the scarecrow dressing contest.

## Sunday October 22:

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

**8:00 AM** Continental Breakfast **PLEASE BRING TABLE SERVICE AND YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE.**

**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)

<https://airstreamclub.org/ghac-2023-october-rally>



Fredericksburg  
Rally



# Message from Bob Jones

Hello to all our Greater Houston Airstream Club members from the gang at BOB JONES RV!

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**Get out there and enjoy your Airstream adventures!**