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News from Nancy – Region 9 Update

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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.