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Our new board members

Presidential Ponderings October 2023

Hello TAU friends. First let me say that I am very honored to be the new club president for the 2023 - 2024 season and if the September rally is any indication, we're going to have a ball. This was the largest TAU rally that we've ever had since I've been a member. There were 17 rigs in attendance with six arriving early on Thursday afternoon. The Thursday crowd went out to dinner together for burgers at Fat Boys in Johnson city. It certainly did not disappoint, especially the desserts.

The weekend was a hot one. All of our air conditioners were blasting and the festivities were flowing. We had a wonderful dinner Friday night of jerk chicken, salad, fried rice and a delicious cake. Saturday morning was breakfast sandwiches, yogurt, fruit and granola and Sunday morning was a beautiful "dutch baby" with apples and cinnamon. You'd think that all we do is eat 😊

Saturday evening was the installation portion of our rally. Once again, we started by eating dinner at the local Mexican restaurant El Charro. Upon returning to the rally hall we donned our TAU "flamingo chic" best for the ceremony. For those of you unfamiliar with the ever so fashionable "flamingo chic" style of dress, it consists of pink boas for the ladies and flamingo ties or bow ties for the gentlemen. Woody Stephenson presided over the installation process of passing the presidential torch from Ben Young to Rich Espinosa. The other officers installed were AnnMarie Esparza (1st VP), Jimmy Cook (2nd VP), Johnda Pugh (3rd VP), Diane Espinosa (recording and corresponding secretary) and Roseann Young (Treasurer) Trustees were also sworn in. Those present were George Taylor and Levoy Dell.



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Nancy Fitzgerald, our Region 9 President, and her husband Randy joined us for the weekend as well as a rousing game of beanbag baseball. We squared off men against the women and the women for the third time in a row kicked our butts 22 to 2. After Woody adjusted the distance and angle of the board, the men won the second game by one run.

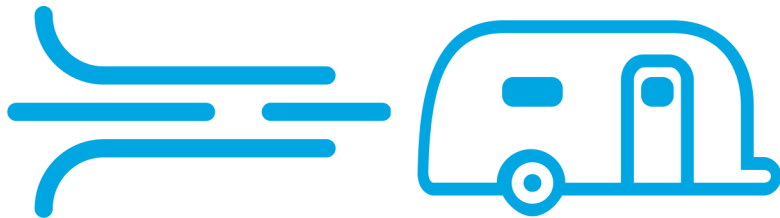
Ben Young gave our Sunday morning devotionals and we all said goodbye until next time. Speaking of next time...our next rally will be a Mystic Quarry RV Park, Canyon Lake. Please see the TAU website to get the particulars to make reservations.

We were advised that you need to call the park directly to make your site reservation. Please let them know that you are attending the TAU rally. Do not try to make the park reservations online. They weren't connecting everyone with the club so they wanted to release our reserved spots citing a lack of attendance. Since the October rally is just before Halloween, we will have a Halloween themed potluck on Saturday evening along with costumes. Try to add some "flamingo" to your Halloween attire!

Hope to see lots of you in Canyon Lake. Safe travels until then.



President Rich Espinosa



Fall 2023 News from Nancy
Region 9 Update
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Nancy's News

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 1st VP, Anna Brandon is our 2nd 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 anyone 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.

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Rally Schedule. 2023-2024



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

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

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

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

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

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

Dec 2023 NO RALLY

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

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

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

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
4:30 pm Pay Rally Fees
5 pm Social Hour
6 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Games

Sunday

8:30 am Breakfast
9:00 am Devotional

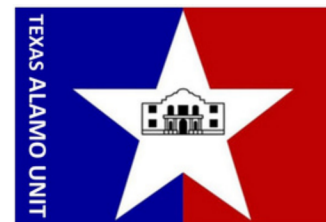


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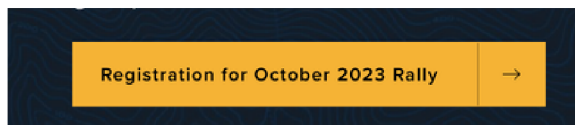
Click on the link above to visit the home website of TAU. Take a look at the side bar on the home page, you'll be able to find past newsletters as well as upcoming events, like all the rallies!



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



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



Our 2023 Rally year is off to an amazing start! There was so much fun to be had in Johnson City. The ladies were on a big roll with our Baseball Game. See our fun photos at the end of the newsletter. 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: Oct 15th). Pieces received after that date will be included in the next newsletter.





OCTOBER

16 Roseann Young
19 Diana Flores
31 Malen Dell

OCTOBER

05 Levoy and Malen Dell
05 Fred and Sandy Baird
22 George and Joi Taylor

Monthly Lunch
@ Chris Madrids



Happy TAU Club members Mari, Amy, James, Roseann, Ben and Jimmy enjoy a meal out together at Chris Madrids.

Please join the next
meetup
Chris Madrids' San Antonio
Saturday, October 14th
12 noon - 1pm
(We meet on every 2nd
Saturday of the month)



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 3rd 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 isscheduled 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.



One of the fun benefits of attending and participating in a rally is definitely the food! Creative cooks bring delectable dishes to share.

Dutch Apple Pancakes (Submitted by AnnMarie Esparza)

GWEN JONES BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

Oven-baked pancakes are impressive with their highly puffed sides. This Dutch apple version is wonderfully spiced and makes for a great breakfast or dessert.

4 eggs
½ cup flour
½ cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar,
divided use
½ teaspoon baking powder
Pinch salt
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons (¼ stick) butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg, divided use
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 large tart apple, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

- 1). In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, flour, 1 tablespoon sugar, baking powder and salt. Gradually whisk in milk until smooth, then whisk in melted butter, vanilla and 1/2 tsp nutmeg. Let batter rest at least 30 minutes and up to overnight ** AnnMarie notes that you can make in ziplock bags.
- 2) When ready to bake, preheat oven to 425 degrees.
- 3) Heat a 10-inch cast-iron skillet over medium and add 4 tablespoons butter. Once melted, brush butter up sides of pan and remove from heat.
- 4) In a small bowl, combine ¼ cup sugar, cinnamon and remaining ½ teaspoon nutmeg, then sprinkle evenly over the melted butter. Arrange the apple slices over the sugar mixture, then sprinkle the remaining ¼ cup sugar over the apples.
- 5) Place the pan over medium-high heat and cook just until the liquid starts to bubble. Remove from heat and evenly pour the batter over the apples.
- 6) Bake 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 375 and bake 10 minutes more. Serve immediately.

SERVES 4



Caribbean Jerk Chicken (Submitted by Roseann Young)

3 Tablespoons McCormick A Hint of Sea Salt Caribbean Jerk Chicken Seasoning

*Roseann used Adams Jerk Seasoning

3 Tablespoons vegetable oil

2 Tablespoons soy sauce

1 Tablespoon cider vinegar

2 1/2 pounds bone-in chicken parts

- 1) Mix Seasoning, oil, soy sauce and vinegar in a small bowl. Reserve 2 tbsp. marinade for basting. Place chicken in a large resealable plastic bag or glass dish. Add remaining marinade; turn to coat well.
- 2) Refrigerate 30 minutes or longer for extra flavor. Remove chicken from marinade. Discard any remaining marinade.
- 3) Grill over medium heat with lid closed 30-40 minutes or until chicken is cooked through, turning occasionally and basting with reserved marinade during the last few minutes of cooking.



AnnMarie and Roseann cheerfully prepare dinner!

September Rally

September 22-24, 2023

Roadrunner RV Park, Johnson City, Texas



George and Joi are rally ready!



Betty and Gino Dunn



Johnda and Jason Pugh



Ben Young at the ready with some instructions!



Saturday Night Celebration
dinner at
El Charro Restaurant



The Dells and Taylors are ready for some dinner

September Rally

Continued



2023-2024 Board poses for a photo



Region 9 President
Nancy Fitzgerald and
husband Randy



Roseann and Ben Young



Past President Woody Stevenson swears in the new board members

More Rally Memories



Nancy Fitzgerald with Karolyn Southerland



Diane and Rich Espinosa



The Willis' double dip with the UT game



Morris Camp tries to help the men make a comeback at baseball



Nova Stephenson scores points for the ladies' team!



Baseball, the official game of TAU