

# **COYOTE TALES**



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#### **President's Message**

Greetings to all GHAC members and Affiliates! Another month is rapidly ending as is 2023. We finally got out of the 100+ degree temperatures although we still have had our share of the 90's and high 80's to remind us the Fall is slow to come. Coming this Sunday/Monday we finally will experience our first real cool front with a drop from 85 to 49 degrees! That should turn some leaves yellow and give us some fall colors. Thankfully, we had also begun to get more rain after the summer drought and hopefully save some of the trees which are distressed.

#### TRICK OR TREAT AT HUNTSVILLE STATE PARK

#### THE SCARECROW RALLY!

GHAC held a fabulous Rally last weekend at Huntsville S.P. We had 21 rigs and 45 people attending. We had most of Raven Hill Camping Area reserved for us and the sites, although a little unlevel in places, it is a beautiful and shady location. We had rented the screened shelter near the campsite that came with 6 picnic tables, and a large garage fan (which needed to be oiled)! Other than that, it had a nice view of **Raven Lake** and is close to the shore. Many of us arrived on Thursday and after setting up, we all went to McKenzie's BBQ Restaurant on 11<sup>th</sup> St where we had a room to ourselves and were served excellent BBQ and fixin's.

Our Hosts and Co-hosts were Janice & Ron Lange, Wayne & Liza Wilkerson, and Don & Helen Teegarden. They worked hard to decorate the shelter with Halloween themed tablecloths and pumpkins.

After lunch on our own, our group drove to the Sam Houston Museum located near the campus of Sam Houston University. The Lange's, who live in Huntsville, arranged a tour of the museum. If you've never been there, it is a must-see! Sam Houston was born in Virginia but moved to Tennessee with his parents. As a teenager, he ran away from home and lived with the Cherokee Indians who named him 'Raven'. He later served under General Andrew 'Old Hickory' Jackson in the War of 1812 and remained friends with him. He became a lawyer and statesman serving in the US House of Representatives. In 1827, he was elected Governor of Tennessee but resigned two years later. He eventually travelled to Texas where he became a leader in the Texian Army. Houston led this army to victory over Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto freeing Texas from Mexican rule and allowing it to become the Republic of Texas. The town of Houston was named after him in 1835 and he was elected to the US House of Representatives. In 1836. He played a role in Texas being annexed by the United States and was elected to the US House of Representatives. In 1859, he was elected Governor of Texas being annexed by the United States and was elected to the US House of Representatives. In

seceding the US to join the Confederacy. He was adamant that the Texas should remain in the United States and that a Civil War would harm Texas. After his removal from the office as Governor, Houston moved to Huntsville with his wife where he died in in 1863. The museum details Houston's remarkable life and has many paintings, photos, and artifacts. The "Steamboat House" where he died was moved from its site a few miles away to the museum complex.





Its rooms can be viewed through protective glass. Next door is Houston's original house built in 1847 called the Woodland which is also viewed through thick glass over the doors and windows. Our group had a great tour guide and took us to the Blacksmith shop where we watched an artisan use a bellows to heat metal and makes old fashion nails.

#### Blacksmith making nails

#### Sam Houston's Steamboat House

After visiting the Sam Houston Museum, we returned to camp and hung out before heading to Happy Hour at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm dinner at the screened shelter. The Janice Lange had pre-cooked ground beef which she placed in cookers along with tomatoes, beans, bell peppers, seasonings, and all the makings for Frito Pie! With help from the Wilkersons and Teegardens, there were three roaster of this delicious concoction heating up while we enjoyed Happy Hour snacks and beverages. Our six picnic tables were full of fellow campers waiting for the meal. Bruce Lee led us in a blessing for the food and Ron Lange led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.



#### Ashley Billard, Kathryn, Bernadine Billard

Tom Harris & Sherry Miller (L) Carol & Jerry Goodwin (R)



Holly & Eric McMurphy, Larry & Linda Ford, Deborah Davis





# Chefs Ron and Wayne at work!



Kelly & Gina Hargraves Eric McMurphy, Tom Taroni, & Bruce Lee



# Dan with Park Ranger John Herron



Alan Billard, Helen and Don Teegarden



Gail Bailey & Louis Scott



# Group photo after breakfast!

### Denis et Patti Blanchet!

### **Happy Campers**



### Eric & Holly McMurphy - Trick or Treat!





### **AIRSTREAMS ON RAVEN HILL LOOP!**

# **TEXAS PRISON MUSEUM**

Saturday afternoon, we visited the Texas Prison Museum which was opened in 1849 and is the oldest Texas State Prison. During the Civil War, Inmates produced tents and uniforms for Confederate forces. The red brick walls of the prison led to the nickname of the "Walls Unit". The artifacts in the museum detail the history of the prison system as well as some notable inmates such as Clyde Barrow of Bonnie and Clyde fame, John Wesley Hardin, and Karla Faye Tucker. It's an interesting place to visit but you wouldn't want to live there.



The "Walls Unit" 815 12th St, Huntsville, TX



# "Old Sparky" in use from 1924-1964



Jerry Goodwin was very glad to "escape"!

# SATURDAY EVENING HAPPY HOUR, POTLUCK DINNER, AND SCARECROW CONTEST!

We had 45 folks from 21 Rigs gather for more fun at the shelter at 5:00 pm. As usual, everyone brought wonderful Happy Hour treats as well as incredibly good potluck dishes. No one complained about there not being enough food!

#### Vernon's pork loin on the right& Bruce's rotisserie chicken





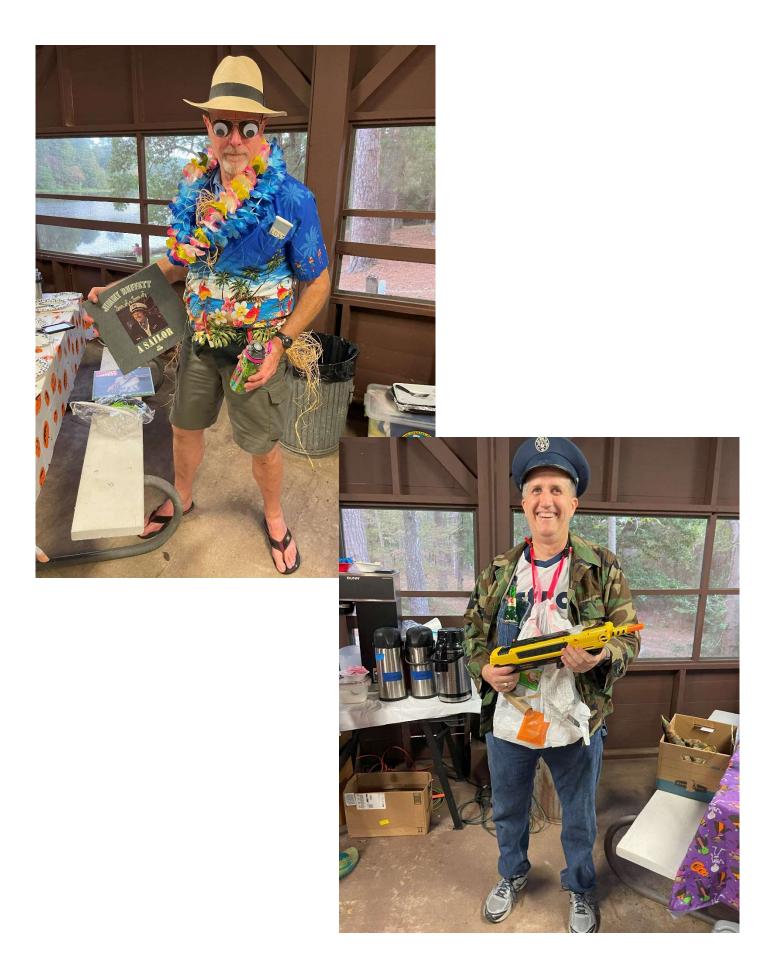
# More delicious dinner dishes

## **The Scarecrow Contest**

Helen Teegarden tricked us all by instructing everyone to bring a clothing outfit suitable for dressing up a "scarecrow" to participate in a contest for the best dressed scarecrow. We were all asking what kind of body the scarecrow would have and how would we be able to make this work.

After dinner, Helen divided us into six teams and then told us to pick a person from each group who would be the "scarecrow" to be dressed! We had a great time "dressing our scarecrows"!





# **THE WINNER!**



# **Campfire S'mores & More**

After the Scarecrow contest, the group made it outside to campsite #8 where Waye Wilkerson, Vernon Goodwin, Tom Taroni, and Bruce Lee had decorated the site with lights and a couple of Solo fire pits. The Teegardens provided plenty of S'more packets so that everyone could roast them on the fires!









#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

	Member							Airstream	Airstream	Membership
BRN	Name	Address	City	St	ZIP	Email	Partner Email	Model	Year	Туре
		20529								
	Richard &	Jackies								
	Barbara	Ranch								
07507	Roberts	Blvd.	Pflugerville	TΧ	78660	rrobertsg@gmail.com	barobertsg@gmail.com	Classic	2020	Affiliate
		200 Walnut						Argosy Minuet,		
	Anna	Hill						Classic with		
05157	Brandon	Avenue	Hillsboro	тх	76645	dbtextilesoffice@icloud.com	annarbrandonphd@gmail.com	slide out	2007, 1977	Affiliate
	David &	9 Elwood								
05647	Dawn Coe	Hills Ct	Spring	ΤХ	77381	dr.david.h.coe@earthlink.net	rubyggg3@earthlink.net	22FB Sport	2014	Regular
	Toni & Lowell	19223 Sandy								
		Sloth Trail	Cypress	тх	77433	haiggydog@gmail.com		Flying Cloud	2012	Affiliate
	Rodney	10537								
14570	Sorenson	Sandy Ln	Willis	ТΧ	77318	blazer72k_5@hotmail.com		Sovereign	1984	Regular
	Richard	4408								
			Dickinson	тх	77539	r fussell@msn.com		Globetrotter	2019	Regular

All the best, Tracy Elkins Airstream Club International Volunteer Region 9 VP Greater Houston Airstream Club Membership & Directory Chair Caravan Leader Cell: 281-725-1672

## **THE SUNSHINE CORNER**

October 2023

By Carol Goodwin

ODE TO FALL by Nancy Rector

Summer months doth pass me by. A sweltry heat pours from the sky. I long for seasons change to be. When sweat no longer covers me.

A few short days the wind blows cool. Alas....you played me for a fool. The heat returns, my pores do flow. Oh Fall, why do you tease me so?

(I thought this poem aptly describes our Fall season in the Houston area—Carol.)

#### **SOCKS FOR KIDS**

We Airstreamers like to bring sunshine to others, especially kids. Our Jan Rightmyer, a long-time member and former First Lady, has spearheaded collecting socks for kids for the last three years starting when I was First Lady of our club. We collected 300 pairs of socks last year and Jan wants to beat this record and I certainly agree. She suggests ordering from Amazon where you might find some good deals. Some grocery stores may carry socks as well and you can pick up a package or two when you're out shopping. Jan will take these socks to a local school. She has heard heartbreaking stories about kids with no socks. So, these socks will certainly bring some sunshine into their lives. We will be collecting socks at our November or December rally. And, we need socks for kids of all ages. Thank you so much.

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Richard and Barbara Roberts David and Anna Brandon David and Dawn Coe Lowell and Toni Anderson Rodney Sorenson Richard Fussell

#### **OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS**

#### Birthdays

Mary Etta Zander	October	3	Alan Billard	October 17
Rae Gilbert	October	5	Pam Breeding	October 19
Till Brown	October	7	Kathryn Bautsch	October 22
Shareece Dumont	October	9	Scott Louis	October 22
Terry Fuselier	October	9	Nancy Childers	October 30
Pamela Alley	October	14		

#### Anniversaries

Pete & Carol Baker

October 20

#### **NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS**

#### Birthdays

Duke Fleshman	November 3	Bruce Barefoot	November 21
Amanda Gayle	November 8	Kathy Blanchard	November 23
Terah Isaacson	November 8	Denis Blanchet	November 24
Don Teegarden	November 9	Shannon Cull	November 25
Sherry Goodwin	November 12	Nancy Fleshman	November 26
Renee Carantza	November 18	Trevina Champion	November 28
Riley Goodwin	November 18	Rick Elkins	November 28
Doug Stauber	November 18	John Sheridan	November 28
Paul Corley	November 20	Raj Ramlal	November 28
Richard Cull	November 20	Bob Hansen	November 30

#### Anniversaries

James & LuAnne Wanja	November 7
Dan & Maria McAnulty	November 20
David & Li Rice	November 21
Vernon & Jo Goodwin	November 23
Charles & Karen O'Donnell	November 24

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN SAFE TRAVELS!

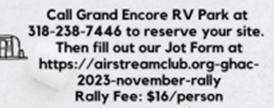
# **2023 RALLIES**

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

# GRAND ENCORE RALLY

Matchitoches, LA NOV. 30 - DEC. 3, 2023



1071 Tauzin Island Rd. Natchitoches, LA 71457

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



#### NOV. 18 - JAN. 6 WWW.NATCHITOCHESCHRISTMAS.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.

7am-7pm: Mistletoe Market1:00pm:Festival of Lights Parade6:00pm:Fireworks over Cane River Lake2:30pm:Pete & Paul Band5:00pm:Johnny Earthquake & the Moondogs

#### 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 NATCHITOCHES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL!!! Tickets are \$10/person & can be purchased online at www.natchitocheschristmas.com

#### Sunday, Dec. 3

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

## PLEASE NOTE: THIS RALLY IS FULL UNLESS THERE ARE CANCELLATIONS! Grand Encore RV has no vacancies.

# **ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING:**

We will have a GHAC Business Meeting at the Rally so please attend.

Date: December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Rayford Crossing RV Resort 29327 S. Plum Creek Spring, TX 77386 in the Community Room

#### Greater Houston Airstream Club 2023 Unit Officers

Unit Officers:		
President	Dan McAnulty	2162
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Rick Elkins	9713
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Rick Vice	1743
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President		
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Corresponding Secretary	Maria McAnulty	2162
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Trustee 1 Years	Debbie Pfunder	2646
Trustee 2 Years	Bill Kindle	290
Trustee 1 Year	Daniel Schwarz	5404
Trustee 2 Year	Lisa Feine	31415
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Crags & Projects	Carol Goodwin	1131
Sunshine	Carol Goodwin	1131
Directory Editor	Tracy Elkins	9713
Electronics Communica^ons	Tom Bundy	2835
Historical		0740
Membership	Tracy Elkins	9713
Mentorship	Rick Elkins	9713

# **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.



713-910-2949



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 & preventative measure to protect your RV investment. The cost is \$230 -\$345 depending on your coach configuratioon. 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!

# \*\*\*\*FOR SALE BY MEMBER PETE BAKER:\*\*\*\*

For sale: 2005 Airstream motorhome, model 396XL. Freightliner chassis, 330 h.p. Cat engine. Six speed Allison trans, two slides, 2 a/c's, washer /dryer. King Dome SAT antenna. 8 kw generator, 6 new tires, awnings all around. Original owner. 145K miles. Many more extras. Call Pete Baker 832-569-2063 for more info