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[Dan & Maria McAnulty](#)

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President's Message

NOVEMBER: NATCHITOCHEES RALLY

This will be my last Newsletter as your 2023 President. I hope you will forgive me for combining November and December into one newsletter. This year has been a doozy for Maria and me with events that weren't foreseen when I became President. Without the help of Maria, Tracy Elkins, Debbie Pfunder, my son-in-law, and son, getting out the newsletter would have been much harder. We scheduled our November Rally on the last day of the month and the first 3 days of December in Natchitoches, LA to see the first day of the annual Christmas Festival there. We made the reservations in March of 2022 and were fortunate enough to have a site for all who wanted to make the trip there. The sites at Grand Ecore RV Resort were so spacious and the event room was spectacular. Our co-hosts were Eric and Holly McMurphy. Eric becomes 1st VP at the installation rally on December 16th.

A few members had arrived a day early to avoid predicted bad weather. After getting trailers set up Thursday afternoon, a large group of us drove to nearby Clarence, LA for dinner at Grayson's BBQ (est 1959). The food was delicious, and everyone ate their fill. We made it back to our trailers just as the rain started. Holly and Eric arrived after dark and set their trailer up in the rain. Despite that, Holly and Maria set up the table decorations that added so much to the décor of the community room!

Friday morning, hosts and co-hosts arrived at the community room and made coffee, breakfast tacos, and fruit servings. Maria arranged for a representative from the Cane River National Historic Area to speak to us about the 300-year history of Natchitoches. Logan Schlata was very informative giving us stories of how the town became the trading center of the French and Spanish settlement consisting of forts, plantations, art, and Creole culture. There is more to see in this area than we had time for, so we plan a

return visit. After Logan finished his presentation, we had a free day to explore the area, shop downtown, and enjoy a meat pie lunch at Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant on 2nd St. with Natalie, Paul, Tracy, and Rick.

Happy Hour was at 5:00 pm in the Community Room where folks brought tasty hors d'oeuvres and their choice of beverages. Dinner consisted of garlic bread, salad, and fresh-made lasagna from Italiano's Restaurant in Kingwood. We baked it on-site, and it was excellent. Dessert was double-chocolate brownies. No one complained of being hungry!

Saturday morning at 7:00, it was back to making coffee. Nikki Palmer from SkyMed provided a breakfast of baked goods, cinnamon rolls, fruit, etc. She pointed out the advantages of having SkyMed and quite a number signed up or extended their current plan.

After breakfast, we headed downtown. We weren't disappointed with the Christmas Festival! Natchitoches was established in 1714 as part of French Louisiana and was named after the indigenous Natchitoches Indians. It is a sister city to Nacogdoches, TX and is the home to Northwestern State University. Natchitoches (pronounced Nak-a-tosh) is a very historical city that was established before the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The quaint brick streets and historical buildings on Front Street facing the Cane River Lake. My son-in-law, Patrick Worsham, graduated from NSU. While attending there, he played in the marching band and was the drum major the year he graduated. NSU and many high school bands really add to the annual Christmas Parade that kicks off the Christmas festival.

Parking is a premium but thanks to Alan Billard, who made friends with a local Natchitoches Police Officer who put Alan in the prisoner's area of the back seat of his patrol car and connected him to the Methodist Church group on 2nd St and secured us a reserved parking space on the church parking lot. From there, we could walk anywhere.

The parade began with several Municipal and State Police motorcycles riding in concentric circles with flashing blue lights. The Fire Department followed and then floats of various organizations including the mayor, local and state officials, the military, and numerous marching bands from different schools. They even had a band from Houston's Stephen F. Austin High School! The parade lasted over two hours! Afterward, live music was played by the *Peter and Paul Band* on the banks of the Cane River for all to enjoy.

After the sun set, Johnny *Earthquake and the Moondogs* band took the stage and played a real variety of great music. About 6:00pm, the fireworks began! I don't recall seeing

such an incredible fireworks display. The 1936 Cane River bridge was the main site of the fireworks display but a secondary site just down the river was also being used which increased the size of the display. Thousands of festival goers had a great time and made it another success. We made our way to our trucks and drove back to Grand Ecore RV Park where Vernon and Jo Goodwin had a Solo fire going for us to roast s'mores and socialize before returning to our trailers for the night.

Sunday morning, breakfast coffee and leftovers from the past two days were served. Tim West asked a blessing on the food and led us in a devotional. Maria finished up with a Red White and Blue raffle and raised more money for that cause. She was assisted by Ashley Billard and folks were generous in their participation. Our members also donated more pairs of socks for Jan Rightmyer to give to needy students in Humble ISD. After everyone had their fill of coffee, volunteers helped break down tables and chairs and everyone headed out to begin preparing for the trip home. The hosts dispersed leftover food and left the community room in pristine condition!

DECEMBER: INSTALLATION RALLY

As you can see, the time between the November Rally and the Installation Rally was quite short, hence the combined Newsletter. Additionally, Maria and I flew to Hawaii for 7 days with Vernon and Joletta Goodwin on the 5th of December. They were celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary by returning to Oahu where they spent their Honeymoon in 1973! Maria and I celebrated our 30th Anniversary on November 20th. We had never been to Hawaii so Vernon and Jo showed us where they had been before and marveled at the changes from 50 years ago.

When we chose the Installation Rally location at Rayford Crossing in 2022, we didn't know our youngest daughter Emily would be married in May of 2023 to a fine young man named Mason Priess. They live in Fort Worth and are doing very well. Their only time to spend Christmas with us was the weekend of Installation making it impossible for us to bring our trailer to the Rally. We did make the Installation and dinner however so I could install the new President and other officers.

Rayford Crossing is a fine venue for a rally as they have added 175 new sites beside their original ones. Plus, they have a small and larger community room for rallies. The hosts, Tom & Caren Bundy, along with co-hosts, Tom & Vicki Ketchum set up the room with table coverings and decorations. Buca di Beppo catered a tasty dinner of stuffed chicken breasts, fried eggplant, pasta, and salad. Dessert was a full sheet cake that was delicious.

After stuffing ourselves, I began the Installation by inviting Rick Elkins to come forward to be sworn in. Rick will make a fine President for the club as he has done a wonderful job as 1st Vice President this year. He has picked out some fun rally locations for 2024 as well as our annual January luncheon. (see below for luncheon and 2024 rally sites)

Next to be sworn in as 1st Vice President was Eric McMurphy and 2nd VP Lisa Feine. These two really stepped up to serve the club by moving a year sooner to fill a vacancy. They are such hard workers and will be a great help to Rick Elkins as they stand in line to move up in 2025 and 2026. Joletta Goodwin was sworn in as Trustee and Tracy Elkins took her oath as Corresponding Secretary. (In her spare time, she is also Region 9 VP of GHAC, Membership & Directory Chair and a Caravan Leader!)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR ALL THE 2024 OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES!

I encourage each of you to sign up for some of our 2024 Rallies and please consider being a Host or Co-host! Serving in either role not only supports our President but also helps you get to know the members and work as a team. **Remember, you will get more than you give, so volunteer to host!**

Kudos to Jan Rightmyer for her efforts to collect socks for needy Humble ISD students. The last total was 835 pairs! Thans to those who contributed.

A LAST WORD

I want to let you know it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as President for 2023. I could not have done this without Maria's help, who has kept me on task and organized. Being a lawyer who supervised almost 300 people at the District Attorney's Office, she has the experience and skills that made it appear that I knew what I was doing! She also served in the dual role of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. She remains the Recording Secretary for 2024.

A big thanks to Rick and Tracy who have always been ready to help anytime I call! Tracy has been my go-to for computer help and will be shadowing Rick when he starts doing the Newsletter! They will put mine to shame, but we will all enjoy them.

As a past-president, I will always be available to help Rick as this is a tradition past-presidents do. I've called on Brue Lee many times for advice and Constitution questions. I want to thank him, Bill Kindle, Tom Bundy, Vernon Goodwin, Jerry Goodwin, Carol Goodwin, Debbie Pfunder & Clark Gardner, and Joanne Miller (I'm probably leaving someone out) who all have institutional knowledge of the Airstream Club.

NOVEMBER RALLY PHOTOS BELOW:



Preparing breakfast



Breakfast is served!



Grand Ecore RV Resort



Beautiful church on 2nd St



Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant on 2nd St



Dan & Maria (Co-hosts) with Eric & Holly (Rally Hosts)



Rick Elkins says he wants to be first in line to sample the lasagna!



Community Room crowd patiently waiting on dinner!



Jerry Goodwin looking over the goodies



97th Natchitoches Christmas Festival Parade starts with police motorcycles.

Northwestern State University band marches by



The colors are going by!



Chief of Butte Tribe of Bayou Bourbeaux





Chief Roger Collum

Christmas lights are lit!



Pastor Tim West giving the devotional.



**DECEMBER INSTALLATION RALLY AT
RAYFORD CROSSING**



Rick Elkins Installed 2024 GHAC President!!



Eric McMurphy preparing for Installation



Eric McMurphy installed as 1st VP of GHAC

Lisa Feine installed as 2nd VP of GHAC

Congratulations to both !



Tracy Elkins installed as Corresponding Secretary



Joletta Goodwin Installed as Trustee!





PAST & PRESENT GHAC PRESIDENTS

Bruce Lee, Vernon Goodwin, Tom Bundy, Jerry Goodwin, Dan McAnulty, Dave Rightmyer, Tom Harris
2024 President Rick Elkins



NEW CLUB EMAIL ACCOUNT:

Please note that this is the final communication from this e-mail account. Airstream Club has changed all e-mail addresses effective 12/31/2023. Future communications will come from the e-mail account Club155@airstreamclub.org reflecting the name **Greater Houston**.

*Greater Houston
Airstream Club*

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

*January
Luncheon*

JAN 20TH

11 AM

GOLF CLUB OF HOUSTON

4-COURSE MEAL

CASH BAR

REGISTER ONLINE BY JAN 16TH

[HTTPS://AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG/GHAC](https://airstreamclub.org/ghac)

-JANUARY-2024-LUNCHEON

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please consider volunteering as a Host or Co-Host for a 2024 Rally. Contact Rick Elkins at Club155@airstreamclub.org or 713.859.5939 for more information or to select a Rally to volunteer at.



2024 Rally Hosts
SIGN Up

Dates	Rally Site	Host	Phone	Co-Host	Phone
Jan 20 th Luncheon	Golf Club of Houston 5860 Wilson Rd, Humble	Dave & Jan Rightmyer	713.818.9021	Bill & JoAnne Miller	832-577-7687
Feb 8 – 11	Magnolia RV Park Goodrich, TX	Jim & Lisa Feine	832.816.1242	John & Susan Sheridan	832-527-9644
Feb 29 – Mar 3	Lake Somerville State Park – Birch Creek Unit	Eric & Holly McMurphy	832.247.9480		
Apr 18 – 21	Colorado Landing RV Park, La Grange	Justin Hargadine	979-450-6275		
<i>May 1 – 5</i>	<i>Region 9 Rally – Skyline Ranch, Bandera</i>				
May 23 – 27	Lake Conroe KOA, Montgomery TX				
June 27 -30	Joint Rally w/Tx Hill Country – Crocket Lakefront Resort & Marina, Crockett				
Sept 26-29	Rusk KOA, Rusk TX				
<i>Oct 5-11</i>	<i>International Rally – Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO</i>				
Nov 7-10	Joint Rally-TX Gulf Coast – TAHI, Zavalla	Dan & Maria McAnulty	832.392.7033 832.392.7034	Jerry & Beth Adams	972.529.8320 972.832.5078
Dec 5-8	Installation Rally – On The Lake RV Resort, Onalaska				

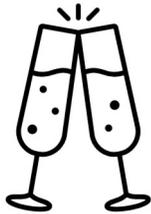
THE SUNSHINE CORNER

By Carol Goodwin

Sending best wishes to Carol for a speedy recovery from a twisted knee. We'll catch up on Sunshine Corner in January!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mitch & Mary Guinn- BRN 20225 from Pinehurst, TX
Joshua & Maclyn Marley- BRN 77571 from LaPorte, TX
Rick & Susan Santos – BRN 18102 from San Antonio, TX
Joshua & Jaclyn Marley – BRN 5895 from LaPorte, TX
Gary & Stacey Cameron – BRN 12260 from Livingston, TX (affiliates)
Jim & Pam Dudley – BRN 7174 from Kerrville, TX (affiliates)



Anniversaries

James & LuAnne Wanja – November 7th
Dan & Maria McAnulty - November 20th
David Rice & Yi Li – November 21st
Vernon & Jo Goodwin - November 23rd
Bill & Joanne Miller – December 4th
Rick & Tracy Elkins – December 8th
Jack Isbell & Autumn Laughrun – December 15th
Jerry & Tracey Calvert – December 18th
David & Felicia Petit -December 19th
Jim & Tonia Goodwin – December 21st
Jose & Ines Baptista – December 27th
James & Salena Hodges – December 27th

Note:

Airstreamers love to celebrate special dates. If we missed yours, please contact Tracy Elkins at tracy.d.elkins@gmail.com or 281.725.1672 and we'll get you next time!

BIRTHDAYS



Duke Fleshman – Nov 3rd
Michael Iversen – Nov 6th
Amanda Gayle – Nov 8th
Terah Isaacson – Nov 8th
Don Teegarden – Nov 9th
Sherry Goodwin – Nov 12th
Renee Carantza – Nov 18th
Doug Stauber – Nov 18th
Paul Corley – Nov 20th
Richard Cull – Nov 20th
Carrie Iversen – Nov 21st
Bob Hansen – Nov 30th
Bruce Barefoot – Nov 21st
Denis Blanchet – Nov 24th
Shannon Cull – Nov 25th
Nancy Fleshman – Nov 26th
Trevina Champion – Nov 28th



Rick Elkins – Nov 28th
John Sheridan – Nov 28th
Raj Ramlal – Nov 28th
Kay Hebert – Dec 2nd
Tim Bashor – Dec 1st
Caren Bundy – Dec 11th
Dorma Kindle – Dec 11th
Arnold Zander – Dec 12th
Lisa Fiene – Dec 17th
Tom Ketchum – Dec 22nd
LuAnne Wanja – Dec 25th
Don Reeves – Dec 26th
John Breeding – Dec 27th
Tom Bundy – Dec 30th
Julie Kulak – Dec 30th
Chris Carantza – Dec 31st
Liesa Glover – Dec 31st

A birthday shoutout to Don Teegarden who celebrated his 90th birthday in November!
Many of Don's family and friends were delighted to celebrate with him!



Message from Region 9 Leadership:

Update: Region 9 Bandera Bound Rally is sold out with wait list registrations being accepted. If enough sign up, a 2nd Campground will be selected to accommodate. Thanks for the super turnout!

Dear Airstream Friend,
The Region 9 leadership would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year!

We want to share with you some news and provide you with an attached Region 9 Brochure that introduces you to all the local clubs and contacts for our Region. We are sharing this brochure with our Airstream dealers in Region 9 and as many Airstream loyal vendors as we can to remind them of all the local clubs that support their business. We are rolling out several initiatives over the next year. One of these initiatives will be annual maintenance workshops led by fellow Airstreamers with Airstream-specific skill sets held at two Airstream communities in Texas - North Texas Airstream Club in Hillsboro and Texas Airstream Harbor in Zavalla. We also benefit from great workshops at our annual Region 9 Rally (details below).

Region 9 Bandera Bound Rally in Bandera TX - May 1-5, 2024 (See attached brochure for Rally Schedule)
<https://airstreamclub.org/region9-2024-region-rally> to register

We hope to see you down the road at a clinic and at the Region Rally.

Sincerely,

Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9 President
281-739-5701

Tracy Elkins, 1st VP
281-725-1672

Anna Brandon, 2nd VP
214-460-0420



Thursday – May 2
Skyline Rally Hall
Blackstone Breakfast
Region Board Meeting/Membership
Club Leadership Training Meetings
Airstream Maintenance Clinic
Catered Lunch
Airstream Clinic
Presentations
Happy Hour at Skyline Pavilion
Bring It & Grill It at 11th Street Bar
Sides & Drink Tickets Provided
Music & Dancing Under the Stars

Hosted by TAU & TGCU & NTxAC & ETLAU

Saturday – May 4
Skyline Rally Hall
Coffee & Donuts
Explore Bandera
Cowboys on Main/ Museum/Gun Fight
Market Days /Vendors
Lunch with Your Local Club
Cooking Presentation
Catered Dinner To Honor Club Leadership
Closing Ceremony
Western Flyers – Texas Swing Band
Hosted by Region 9 Leadership Team

Region 9 Rally May 1 – 5, 2024
Skyline Ranch RV Park & Cabins
2231 Hwy. 16N
Bandera, TX 78003

Wednesday – May 1
Skyline Rally Hall
Welcome Packet Pick-Up/Registration
Margarita Welcome Party!
Welcome Ceremony
8 Ft Pizza Party
DJ Channing Fell
Ice Cream Under the Stars
Hosted by THCU & GHAC & OASC

Friday – May 3
Skyline Rally Hall
Breakfast-To-Go
Blood Drive
Golf Scramble
Biking/Walking/Kayaking /Games
Lunch on Your Own
Chili Cook-off Competition
Biscuit on a Stick Presentation
Trick Roping by US Cowboy Ambassador
Ice Cream Social
Film *Alumination*
Hosted by THLAC & HOTC & TPAC

Sunday – May 5
Skyline Pavilion
Cinco De Mayo Breakfast
Clean-Up & Good-Byes & Departures
Hosted by Region 9 Executive Board

**Each local club is asked to gather donations for
Region 9 Charity of Choice
Team Red, White & Blue
In Support of Enriching Veteran Health**

*******NOTE*******

**Greater Houston Airstream Club
2023 Unit Officers**

Unit Officers:

President	Dan McAnulty	2162
1 st Vice President	Rick Elkins	9713
2 nd Vice President	Rick Vice	1743
3 rd Vice President		
Recording Secretary	Maria McAnulty	2162
Corresponding Secretary	Maria McAnulty	2162
Treasurer	Jerry Lyddon	7746
Assistant Treasurer	Caren Bundy	2835
Trustee 1 Years	Debbie Pfunder	2646
Trustee 2 Years	Bill Kindle	290
Trustee 1 Year	Daniel Schwarz	5404
Trustee 2 Year	Lisa Feine	31415
Parliamentarian	Joanne Miller	212
Immediate Past President	Michael Iversen	8621

Committee Chairpersons:

Caravan	John Sheridan	1326
Constitution & Bylaws	Bruce Lee	5461
Crafts & Projects	Carol Goodwin	1131
Sunshine	Carol Goodwin	1131
Directory Editor	Tracy Elkins	9713
Electronics Communications	Tom Bundy	2835
Historical		
Membership	Tracy Elkins	9713
Mentorship	Rick Elkins	9713

2024 Rally Schedule

<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-houston/rallies-and-caravans>

- **January 20, 2024 - Annual Luncheon at Golf Club of Houston, 5860 Wilson Rd, Humble, Tx**
- **February 8-11, 2024 - Rally at Magnolia RV Park, Goodrich, Tx**
- **February 29 - March 3, 2024 - Rally at Lake Summerville State Park, Birch Creek Campground, Tx**
- **April 18 - 21, 2024 - Rally at Colorado Landing RV Park, La Grange, Tx**
- **May 1 - 5, 2024 - Region 9 Rally at Skyline RV Park, Bandera, Tx**
- **May 23 - 27, 2024 - Rally at Conroe KOA, Montgomery, Tx**
- **June 27 - 30, 2024 - Joint Rally with Texas Hill Country Unit at Crockett Lakefront RV Resort and Marina, 75 Dogwood Lane, Crockett, Tx**
- **July 20, 2024 - Picnic at Alexander Deussen Park Pavillion, Houston, Tx**
- **August 17, 2024 - Picnic at Alexander Deussen Park Pavillion, Houston, Tx**
- **September 26 - 29, 2024 - Rusk KOA, Rusk, Tx**
- **October 5 - 11, 2024 - ACI International Rally at Missouri State Fair Grounds, Sedalia, Mo.**
- **November 7 - 10, 2024 - Joint Rally with Texas Gulf Coast Unit at TAHI, Zavala, Tx**
- **December 5 - 8, 2024 Installation Rally at On the Lake RV Resort, Onalaska, TX**

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.

Bob Jones

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Our service team will pinpoint problem areas on a chart and consult with the customer a plan for corrective actoin. This is a true cost saving & preventative measure to protect your RV investment. The cost is \$230 - \$345 depending on your coach configuration. 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!