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Presidential Ponderings December 2023



Big Red Numbers (BRNs)

People ask why do we display our big red numbers? If you attend a large Airstream rally such as a region or international rally, there will be one hundred to more than 1,000 of the silver beauties. They all look alike unless you're an Argosy. BRNs are like addresses on buildings. They are used to identify rigs and their occupants. That's not so important at our local rallies but it is when it comes to the larger ones. At the International rally, Airstream has a geoaccess map that allows you to find your friends or, in cases of emergency, allows paramedics to locate persons needing aid. Not all BRNs need to be permanently affixed, which could leave ghosting of the numbers on the rig if removed. There are many options to display your BRNs while attending rallies. You can Google ideas for displaying BRNs to get ideas. Let's be proud of our rigs and the Airstream community, and display our BRNs when attending Airstream rallies.



President Rich Espinosa

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Vintage Airstream destroyed by fire

\$1,625 raised of \$5,000 goal • 17 donations

Betty and Gino lost their beloved Airstream to a fire. Much of their belongings were in it. If you feel led, you can help by donating through gofundme. Double click on the image on your left or email AnnMarie Esparza am.esparza@yahoo.com



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International Rally Call from Sue P.

Calling All TAU members that have registered for International in 2024.....do you want to caravan together to Missouri? Do you want to see some sights together? Give me a shout! Testing to see how many are interested. No need to contact me if you are not interested.....just saying. Happy Holidays!!!! Sue P.

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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 *NEW DESTINATION TBD*
**Please cancel your Oakwood
Reservations - see article on page 5.**

Oct 27-29, 2023 Mystic Quarry
13190 FM 306 Canyon Lake, TX 78133
POC Monica 360-964-3330

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 Fredricksburg, TX 78624
POC: Malin 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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14 AnnMarie Esparza
22 Fred Baird
29 Buddy Royall
31 David Willis
31 Ben Young

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12 Cliff & Gail Hall

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary?
email: muffincamp@gmail.com and let her know



No reservation required...

Please join the next lunch outing at
Chris Madrids' San Antonio
Saturday, December 9th
12 noon - 1pm (*We meet on
every 2nd Saturday of the month*)



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)

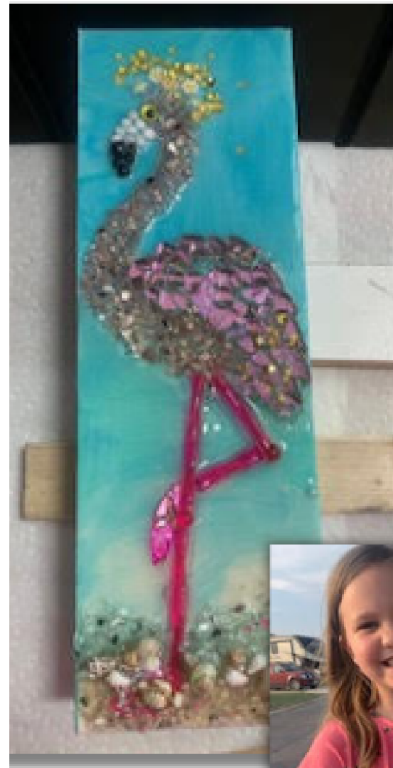
January Rally

January Rally will be here before we know it! I have volunteered to host the January Rally and need to pass on some fun things we have planned!

Saturday will be action packed! First off there is the chili cook off. We need all of our chili aficionados to cook us a pot of their best chili! Judging will be just before dinner and you will never believe what we will be having!!! CHILI! With all the fixings! Cornbread. Saltines. Cheese. Radishes. Onions. Sour Cream. Ketchup. And the list goes on.....and then there will be dessert!!

And if that was not enough I have arranged for us to do a wonderful flamingo craft! Glass, beads, and other assorted finds will allow us to create beautiful stained glass flamingos! Cost will be \$35 per person. And I will be providing some wine to get us going so bring your best flamingo glass and get creative!

~Sue P.



I am looking to change our March rally location from Oakwood RV Resort in Fredericksburg, Texas. The Resort wasn't a good experience during the November Rally. They are charging to use their rally hall \$100.00 per evening if we do not receive 15 reservations. So if you have reserved a site in March, please cancel it ASAP. I will notify our members of the new location. Thanks to all and enjoy the holidays. See you in January.

Special Note
from Rich
re: March 2024
Rally

November Rally

November 23-26, 2023

Oakwood RV Resort

Fredericksburg, Texas



November Rally Report

~Rich Espinosa

Let me start by saying that this years' Thanksgiving rally was different from those that I had attended in the past. Our Thanksgiving rallies are usually well attended but this one was small. Other than invited guests which included both family and friends, it was more intimate with only four rigs, giving us a chance to really enjoy one another's company. The food was wonderful. Oakwood RV hosted a huge Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, ham and wonderful sides and desserts provided by the attendees. On Thanksgiving, we often sit around the table and say what we're grateful for and this year it really hit home. Geno and Betty Dunn lost their 24 year old Airstream motorhome to a fire on Sunday while heading home to Fulton, Texas following the rally.

Their rig caught fire when the propane tanks exploded. I'm so grateful that Geno and Betty are safe but sad that they've lost so much. Not just the tangible things that can be replaced but the good times and memories that were yet to be made in their beloved motorhome.

If you're not yet aware, AnnMarie set up a GoFundMe (see pg 2) for them to help offset the cost of items that can be replaced.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a safe and joyous holiday season! See you in January and don't forget that it's the chili cook-off competition on Saturday night! We are still looking for a cohost to assist Susan Postlethwait as hosts for the January rally.

