



President's Message

Well, Fall has officially arrived, hopefully bringing with it some rain (at least in Bandera), as well as cooler temps. Cool temps were definitely not on the agenda for those who caravanned out to Big Bend on the 16th and 17th, with an overnight in Ft. Stockton. Four and a half warm days and nice evenings, hikes of the Lost Mine Trail and (for some) the Balanced Rock Trail, a rowboat crossing of the Rio Grande River for a walk-a-bout and lunch in Boquillas MX, meals at the always favorite Starlight Theatre in Terlingua (and a nightcap at The Kiva), and Candelilla at the Lajitas Resort, as well as a morning canoeing on the Rio Grande. Our base was Roadrunner Travelers RV in Study Butte, a 2-3 year old park. This was the first caravan for the Unit in at least ten years, and a successful one. This is not the last one, however, Tim Ebbers has another planned in 2024. Check out what is in store for 2024 on page 6. There were a lot of pictures taken during this trip—check out the Texas Hill Country Unit Facebook page to check out what we did per day.

Next up is boondocking October 10-22 at Schitz Creek Winery/Brewery/Distillery in Liberty Hill. Hosts Zephyr and Dan Marek have completed the itinerary for this event. Check out page 3 for the itinerary and instructions. There is plenty of space (limit is 20), with eight signed up so far. This event is open to THCU members through Oct 10; after this date it will be open to other Airstreamers from Oct 11-15. Email Zephyr (faye_marek@yahoo.com) to be added to the list.

Check out my message on the Facebook page (Texas Hill Country Unit) about the November Rally. The time to reserve at The Vineyards is now; please call 830-992-1237! Additional information is also on page 5 of this newsletter.

Finally, welcome to our newest members Merrilee & R. Irvin Saathoff, Bill & Dana Wilson, Todd & Janis Buck, John Rogers & Beverly Straub, Paula Imm, and Joan Connor and David Stearns. We also want to welcome our new affiliate members Frank and Beverly Wilson, Case & Deanna Fischer, Edmon Craig, and Craig Washington. If you would like to join us to post your travels or see what other THCU members are doing, please send a request to join our private Facebook page. We are Texas Hill Country Unit.



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Meet Bill & Dana Wilson

Dana is a retired public school teacher. I am an architect that is retiring in slow motion.

My father was an Airstreamer. He owned a 31ft. 1971 model Airstream for the last 35 years of his life. He also owned an RV park on the Coast. I think that over the years, he purchased at least another three or four Airstreams and gifted them to some of my siblings. So you could say that I grew up around RVs and Airstreams.....and knew the difference between them. We just purchased a 2020 – 25' Flying Cloud. We have only spent one week-end in it to date. That was our “shake-down” outing. We are still learning how to operate it. We did find a few issues with it on our test run. Most appear to be caused by a hard freeze without proper freeze protection. We had those items repaired immediately after getting home.

We have 3 adult children. They all have families. Our current count for grandkids is seven(7) with one more on the way. They range in age from 2 to 12 and reside from 3 blocks away to Houston and Tyler. So, Dana spends a lot of time traveling between Portland, Houston and Tyler. We have a week-end place just outside of Hunt in the Hill Country. So, it seemed like a natural choice to join the Hill Country Chapter. We do get up to the Kerrville/Fredericksburg area pretty frequently. I like to ride my Harley on some of the great roads in the region.

We will probably not be able to attend any rallies until spring or so. We already had a number of trips planned before we purchased the Airstream. We are scheduled for a trip out of the country in October (River Cruise in Portugal) and another with our oldest granddaughter in May (Costa Rica). Dana will be having foot surgery in November, so we will be staying close to home for several months. Two (2) of our kids are already planning on using the Airstream for family trips between now and spring. It appears that it may spend the next two months in the Tyler area with my son and his family. Dana and I are planning a 15 to 16 day trip next July to the big Air Venture Event in Osh-

kosh, Wisconsin. From there, we want to make a run through the upper peninsula and Mackinac Island before heading south. Beyond that, I am trying to negotiate a deal with Dana, (and my sons) to leave the Airstream in College Station during football season of 2024. Then we can all take turns going to Aggie football games and tailgating. The fall always seems to be the busiest time of year. Hopefully, it will cool off soon.

We look forward to relaxing and attending some of your planned events on occasion.





Thirsty Mule/Schitz Creek Distillery & Brewery Boondocking Rally

Rally Dates: October 19-22, 2023

Rally Address: 101 CR 257, Liberty Hill, TX

October 19—Thursday

Arrival time between 11:30 A.M. - 6:00 PM. If, later than 6:00 PM let Zephyr know.

Gate Code 1818 for after hours – gate only remains open for 60 seconds and will auto close.

05:00 PM After parking, gathering

06:30 PM Supper will be furnished by the Thirsty Mule & Schitz Creek. What is provided will include the main dish (meat), plates, forks, & napkins. Each rig will need to provide sides to share with the group.

October 20—Friday

Breakfast on your own

09:15 AM TBD

11:00 AM Lunch a Jardin Corona - 15395 St. Hwy 29, Liberty Hill

Rest of Day for your own adventures or back to camp

05:00 PM Meeting – Place TBD

06:30 PM Gathering area TBD with snacks.

07:00 PM Gathering around fire IF, there is no fire ban.

October 21—Saturday

Breakfast on your own

10:15 AM Leave for lunch at Dahlia Café - 2450 Ranch Rd 1869, Liberty Hill

Rest of day for your own adventures or back to camp

For dinner, there will be a pizza oven or BBQ food truck (Olivers BBQ) at Schitz Creek to enjoy for supper.

07:00 PM Gathering around fire IF, there is no fire ban.



October 22—Sunday

09:00 AM Breakfast furnished by Zephyr & Dan with devotional.

Items for note:

- ⇒ Sewer dump is available until Noon on Sunday (Thirsty Mule & Schitz Creek opens at 12) and close at 6PM on Thursday.
- ⇒ Generators are allowed to be run on property. If it is quite warm, there will be no limit on generator hours.
- ⇒ Be aware, when turn right off 183 there is a steep decline because your going down towards creek. The gate to Schitz Creek Distillery will be on your left. Once you've passed through the gate, someone will show you where to park.
- ⇒ This event is open to THCU members through Oct 10; after this date it will be open to other Airstreamers from Oct 11-15.

THCU 2023 Schedule

Date	Location	Comments
Jan 19-22	San Saba City RV Park & Golf Course 723 CR 102, San Saba, TX 325-372-3212	Eight sites being held until 1/10/23. Make reservation with the park directly and advise Yvonne Michek (michekmgw@gmail.com) to get an accurate head count. Host: Ed and Yvonne Michek
Feb 16-19	Lake Brownwood State Park 200 Park Road 15 Brownwood, TX 76801 www.reserveamerica.com	Council Bluff Loop, full hookups, 10 FH sites available as of 12/20/2022. Many other non-FH sites available in other loops - Host: Tim and Ally Ebbbers
Mar 28-Apr 02 Region 9 Rally	JB WELLS PARK, ARENA & EXPO 2301 County Road 191 Gonzales, TX	This is your opportunity to experience a larger rally, and replaces a THCU rally for this month. Info on registration to follow from Region 9. Rally runs Tuesday—Sunday.
Apr 20-23	Schatziland RV Resort 3169 Florence Street San Marcos, TX 78666 (737) 221-3331	This is a brand new park in San Marcos. Mention that you are with Texas Hill Country Unit. Rate is 65/nite, but will drop by \$15/nite if we have 10+ rigs signed up. Currently, there are 12 rigs signed up. - Host: Bob and Jan Grimes
May 18-21	Airport Park Lake Waco 4600 Skeet Eason Rd Waco, TX 76708	Group site is been booked with 7 sites. If you want to book a site, please make own reservations with www.recreation.gov . Please let Bob Grimes (txairstreamer@gmail.com) or Zephyr Marek (faye_marek@yahoo.com) know if you are coming Host: Dan and Zephyr Marek
Jun 28—Jul 01 International	International Rock Springs, WY	
Aug 19	Longhorn Louisiana Café 200 E Main St Round Rock, TX 78664	This lunch is capped at 40 participants...22 folks have signed up so far. Please let Bob Grimes know if you are attending and how many by emailing him at txairstreamer@gmail.com .
Sep 17-22 Big Bend Caravan	Roadrunner RV Park 23315 FM 170 Terlingua, TX 79852 432-466-1036	See additional notes for this rally on the next page - Coordinator: Bob and Jan Grimes (txairstreamer@gmail.com ; 210-722-1080)
Oct 19-22	Schitz Creek Distillery 101 County Road 257 Liberty Hill, TX 78642	Check out the itinerary for this event on page 3. This is open to THCU members through Oct 10; after this date it will be open to other Airstreamers from Oct 11-15. Host: Dan and Zephyr Marek
Nov 16-19 Thanksgiving and Installation rally	The Vineyard in Fredericksburg RV Park 2647 N US Highway 87 Fredericksburg, TX 78624 thevineyardsrvpark.com	See additional notes for this rally on the next page Let them know you are with the THCU group. Please let Bob Grimes know you are coming by emailing him at txairstreamer@gmail.com or calling him at 210-722-1080 Host: Mike and Pat Green and Gerry and Theresa Davis
Dec 8-10	Pop-Up Rally Mason, TX	Small boondocking rally in Mason, TX. See additional notes for this rally on the next page
Dec 16 @11:30 AM	Holiday Luncheon@ DoubleHorn Brewing Marble Falls, TX	See additional notes for this rally on the next page



Details on the last few THCU activities of 2023:

The Vineyards of Fredericksburg Installation Rally (November 16-19, 2023)



- Coordinator: Mike & Pat Green and Gerald & Theresa Davis .
- Located at 2647 N US Hwy 87, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624; call (830) 992-1237 to make your reservations. Let them know you are with the Texas Hill Country Unit.
- Nancy Fitzgerald will be installing the new 2023/2024 officers.
- Rally itinerary will published at a later time.
- **If you are attending**, call the park to make your reservations then let Bob Grimes know you are coming by emailing him at txairstream-er@gmail.com or calling him at 210-722-1080.

THCU Pop-Up Boondocking Rally in Mason, TX

- Hosts Ira & Terri Rush
- This will be a boondocking rally on private ranch land about 8 miles outside Mason, TX. There will be an 8 rig limit. As of 9/28—six sites are booked. If you are interested, please let Ira Rush know by emailing (irarush@gmail.com) or texting (512.694.8545) with your name/rig size. If you have any questions, call him at 512.694.8545.
- Dates for this rally are Friday, December 08 (arrive) to Sunday, December 10 (depart). Two nights.
- Activities include:
 - ⇒ Cooper's BBQ Dinner
 - ⇒ Wine tasting and possible tour depending on group size
 - ⇒ Historic Downtown walkabout
 - ⇒ Feliz Navidad Show with Los Texmaniacs at the Odeon Theater in Mason (Sat Dec 9th). If you are interested in this event, purchase your tickets (\$25/pp if purchased in advanced). [Los Texmaniacs — Odeon Theater \(theodeontheater.com\)](https://theodeontheater.com)
- Because this is a small rally, instructions and finalized itinerary will be sent to the folks who are going.



Double Horn Brewing Company December 16, 2023 @ 11:30 am

- Coordinator: Tim Ebbers.
- 208 Ave H, Marble Falls, TX 78654
- Additional information regarding this event will be published at a later time.
- Limited to 40; few have signed up so there's room!
- **Let Tim know if you are going to attend this event with the number of persons attending.**



THCU 2024 Schedule

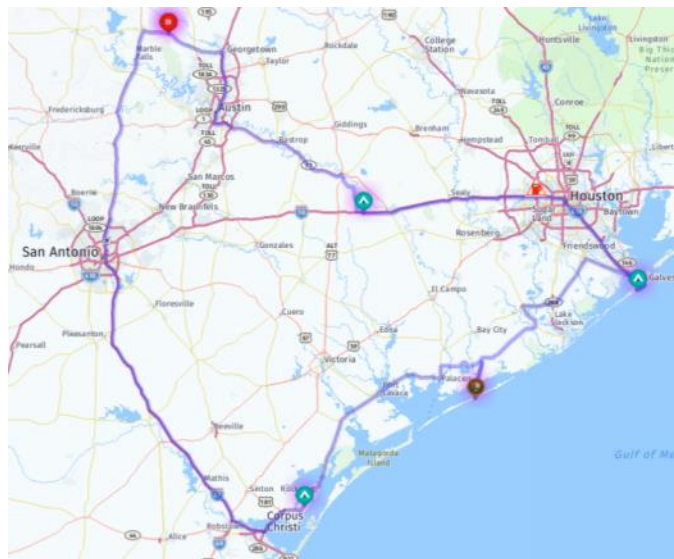
Date	Location	Comments
Feb 24-Mar 2	Tour of the TX Coast Rally	See additional notes for this rally on the next page Contact Tim Ebbers for details if you are interested in joining us for all or part of this tour. Your reservations needs to be made by October 2023 if you want to attend this caravan.
April 6-9	Boondocking Eclipse Rally	This is a boondocking rally in Fredericksburg, TX. This boondocking rally is limited to the first 16 rigs to sign up. See next page for additional details regarding this event.
May 1-5	Region 9 2024 Rally Bandera, TX	Registration will be in 2024. Location will be Skyline RV Park.
June 27-30	Joint rally with GHAC Crockett Lakefront RV Resort Crockett, TX	This will be a joint rally with the Greater Houston Airstream Club. Contact Tim Ebbers if you are interested in this rally.
July		
August	Luncheon at Hi Sign Brewing Austin, TX	
September TBD	Temple/Waco Rally	
Sept 26—Oct 10	International @ Sedalia, MO	Dates include a caravan with stops in Little Rock, AK and Branson, MO before going to Sedalia. Parking with the THCU Group in Sedalia will be two days before the start of International. Contact Tim Ebbers for dates and locations.
November 07-10	Installation Rally Colorado Landing RV Park La Grange, TX	
December	TBD	



Notes on a few of the THCU activities in 2024:

Texas Coast Caravan (February 24—March 2, 2024)

- Coordinators: Ira & Terri Rush and Tim & Ally Ebbers
- This will be a mini caravan through three TX coastal towns starting at
 1. Iron Horse RV Resort in Weimer, TX . (Feb 24—1 night)
 2. Stella Mare Resort in Galveston, TX. (Feb 25-27 - 2 nights)
 3. Matagorda Bay Nature Park in Matagorda, TX. (Feb 27-29 - 2 nights) Sites 3-12
 4. Mustang Island State Park in Corpus Cristi, TX. (Feb 29-Mar 2 - 2 nights)
- If you are going to do all or part of this caravan, please let Tim Ebbers know at timberintx@gmail.com. He will send you the information for booking the sites for each park. Unfortunately each park has its own way of reserving. It is recommended to make your reservations before the end of October if not sooner. These beach cities start filling up with monthly renters from the north. Currently the parks are not yet booking their monthlies.
- There are 10 spots available and 7 spots have already been booked.



Boondocking Eclipse Rally (April 6-9)

- Coordinators: Mike & Pat Green and Yvonne & Ed Michek
 - This rally will be boondocking in a cattle pasture. **Due to the location and season of the year, should there be rain before or during the rally, this rally will be cancelled.** We don't want y'all stuck with the bull in our wet pasture.
 - Generators can be used as long as you are not annoying anyone else—human or bull.
- Our pasture (& home) is 9 miles east of Fredericksburg, just off Hwy 290. We are not in Fredericksburg.
 - Fredericksburg has produced a lengthy [guide](#) to the eclipse. You can also access this at www.eclipseinfbgtx.com. The high points are:
 - a. The 'burg' will be filled to overflowing with eclipse chasers from all over the U.S.
 - b. Businesses will be slammed or will close down when they run out of supplies.
 - c. Come with a full tank of gas.
 - d. HEB is predicting they will run out of groceries before the weekend is over.
 - e. Traffic will be a booger—pack your patience.
 - f. On the above mentioned website, pay particular attention to pages 7 and 8.
 - If you plan on attending this rally, please let Tim Ebbers know by emailing him at timberintx@gmail.com. This rally will be limited to 16 rigs. Due to the popularity of this event, a THCU Member will have priority although don't wait until the last moment. Currently, there are nine of the sixteen spots booked.
 - Additional information regarding activities, rally fees, and limitations will be published to the attendees as we get them.





We also have several members who have renewed. Thank you for choosing THCU!

Join us our private Facebook group—[Texas Hill Country Unit](#)

New Members:

- * Merrilee & R. Irvin Saathoff of Grandbury, TX
- * Bill & Dana Wilson of Portland, TX
- * Todd & Janis Buck of Fredericksburg, TX
- * John Rogers & Beverly Straub of Fischer, TX
- * Paula Imm of Brenham, TX
- * Joan Connor and David Stearns of Hunt, TX

New Affiliate Members:

- * Frank & Beverly Wilson
- * Case & Deanna Fischer
- * Edmon Craig
- * Craig Washington

2023 THCU Officers

- ◆ President: Bob Grimes
- ◆ 1st VP: Tim Ebbers
- ◆ 2nd VP: Michael Green
- ◆ Corresponding & recording secretary: Carol Wallace
- ◆ Treasurer: Zephyr Marek
- ◆ Membership chairman: <open>
- ◆ 1 year director: Ed Michek and Joanne Ermis
- ◆ 2 year director: Dan Marek and Dave Toy
- ◆ Newsletter: Ally Ebbers
- ◆ Web Master: Tim Ebbers
- ◆ Past president: Charlie Williams

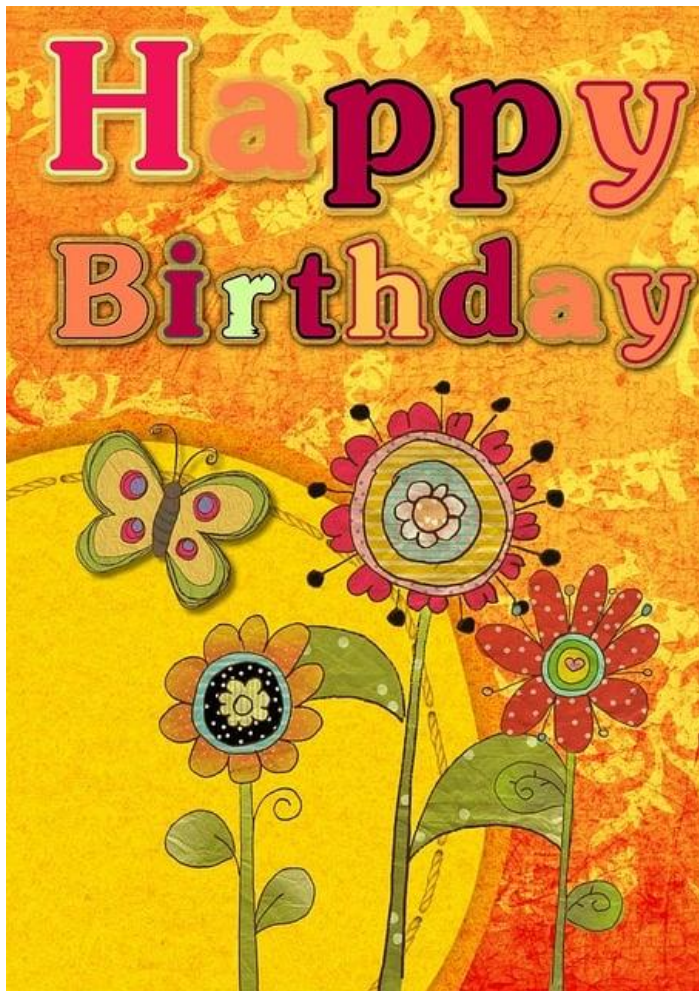
2024 Elected THCU Officers

- ◆ President: Tim Ebbers
- ◆ 1st VP: Michael Green
- ◆ 2nd VP: Susan Fegley
- ◆ Recording secretary: <open>
- ◆ Treasurer: Zephyr Marek
- ◆ 1 year director: Dave Toy
- ◆ 2 year director: Felicia Johnson
- ◆ Newsletter: Ally Ebbers
- ◆ Web Master: Brian Walker
- ◆ Past President: Bob Grimes



Website: <https://airstreamclub.org/TexasHillCountry>
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Facebook Page: Texas Hill Country Unit





SEPTEMBER

- 05 Becky Gray
- 11 David Smith
- 25 Robert Lemley

OCTOBER

- 03 Linda Esper
- 08 Clarita Walker
- 08 Robert Grimes
- 16 Daniel Marek
- 22 Gayle Ketchum
- 27 Michael Stanley
- 30 Carol Wallace
- 30 Allison Ebbers



- Sep 04 Mark and Peggy Knox
- Sep 06 Warner and Gail Hord
- Sep 12 Robert and Jan Grimes
- Sep 11 Jerry and Patti Phillippe
- Sep 22 Felicia and Kevin Johnson
- Sep 24 Tamara Burnsed and John Cragle
- Oct 04 Keegan and Brooke Carrick
- Oct 06 Joe Long and Gayle Ketchum
- Oct 16 Brian and Clarita Walker



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EZ Links

This page is dedicated to links you may want to access. These are links within AirstreamClub.org and other links you may find helpful. If you have a link or website you find helpful and would like to add to this, please send it to me at 0104@wbcci.net.

AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG— <https://airstreamclub.org/>

Description: This is the mainsite for WBCCI Members. There are a few pages that do not require a log in, but most of the helpful links within these pages will require a log in. A log in can be created if you are a WBCCI Member.

Helpful links within airstreamclub.org (log in is required)

Courtesy Parking Directory— <https://airstreamclub.org/members/courtesy-parking-directory>

Description: Have you ever wanted to mooch-dock? If you find yourself in a situation where you just need a place to park with no/minimal hookups, check out this least used benefit of being a WBCCI member. Let's use it! It would be a great way to meet other members across the United States AND Canada. Can I get a WHOOP WHOOP?

Texas Hill Country Unit—<https://airstreamclub.org/texas-hill-country>

Description: This is the official THCU site within airstreamclub.org. It has links to the Rallies for our unit, newsletters, and other THCU Information. Check it out.

Blue Beret Magazine—<https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section/member-only-blue-beret-magazine>

2024 International Registration link (and information) - <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024>

Campfire chats—<https://airstreamclub.org/events/campfire-chats>

Description: This page link includes all of the prior recorded campfire chats, any future campfire chat dates and time AND on the day of the campfire chat the link to the virtual meeting.

WBCCI local rallies, events and national caravans—<https://airstreamclub.org/events>

Description: If you want to check out and attend a rally outside of THCU rallies, check this out! If you want to attend another unit's rally it is proper etiquette to email the wagonmaster, event planner, or coordinator first prior to booking to ensure there is room for you to attend.—unless there are other registration instructions are listed for the event.

Other Links

THCU Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267836193395602/>

Description: This is a private facebook group for THCU members and friends of THCU.

