



President's Message

As your new president, I would like to thank everyone for their support and participation. I look forward to a great year of activities and developing new friendships. In the last couple of years, our rally assortment and attendance has been growing!! I want to continue along that same thread.

For the remaining year (2023), we have a pop-up rally in Mason, Texas. This will be a boondocking rally with the main event to see Los Texmaniacs at the Odeon Theater. This rally has hit the limit of 8 rigs, but we may have room for more. Check out the agenda to see if you want to attend this pop-up rally and to see if we are able to accommodate you. IF you are interested in more pop-up rallies like these, please let me know what you want to do!

We are ending the year with our annual Holiday luncheon at Double Horn Brewing in Marble Falls, TX on December 16th at 11:30 AM. The menu will be a taco/fajita bar plus two drinks for \$22 per person. Bring your gift and join us with the white elephant exchange. We have 37 members signed up. Please contact me if you want to go ASAP. The food is excellent at this brewery and they have beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks.

Next years' (2024) rallies will include a caravan along the Texas coast late February. This is currently at the max, but let me know if you are interested. The first two stops along the coast have room for additional reservations, but the last one (Mustang Island State Park) is full. The April rally is a boondocking eclipse rally at Fredericksburg; this rally only have two spots remaining. Check out the details in page 09

I am open to hearing your ideas for future rally locations or activities that are of interest to you and your fellow Airstreamers. Ideas could be things such as visiting a touring a manufacturing plant or a local food fest or see a band play or see a theater play or _____<fill in the blank>. What is your interest to entice you to attend a rally? We need ideas to rally with you!!

We had 17 rigs and two visiting couples attending—36 attendees in Fredericksburg, TX! It was fun, it was a lot of rigs, we had so much fun! For the rally activities we had great local BBQ at Backwoods BBQ and spirits at 1693 Distillery on Friday. Saturday, most of us got our crafty hats on making mice and Christmas trees built out of sugary products. The Italian themed Thanksgiving dinner was delicious. Immediately after was the installation of the 2024 THCU officers. Region 9 president, Nancy 'da bomb' Fitzgerald conducted the installation. The following offices were installed: Tim Ebbers – President, Mike Green – 1st Vice President, Susan Fegley – 2nd Vice President, Felicia Johnson – 2 year Director and Dave Toy – 1 year Director and Brian Walker – Webmaster. Wine tasting provided by two couples (Todd and Janis Buck and Tom Sykes & Cheryl Mallan); enjoyed by all. We rounded out the day with some lively games of 42 and Sequence. I thank the super hosts Gerry & Theresa Davis and Mike & Pat Green for all of their work making it a great success. The weekend flew by! Can't wait for the next meet up.



Welcome to our new THCU members Bill & Ann Stevenson and affiliate members Deborah Gill and Steven & Kristin Smith. Allison and I look forward to getting to know you better at a future rally or event.

One last announcement—The Region 9 rally registration in Bandera, TX from May 1-5, 2024 is open! The link to register and itinerary is on page 10. FYI: The registration just opened a few days ago and there are over 40 registered rigs. In the park, there are only 100 spots. If you want to attend, register soon.

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(pic taken at Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park, ID
OUR favorite ID State Park)



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Meet Janis and Todd Buck:

Todd and Janis Buck have been married for 34 years. Janis is a retired Kindergarten Teacher and is working as a Tasting Room Ambassador for Lost Draw Winery. She enjoys cooking, food and wine pairing, reading, fishing and watching Todd golf. Todd retired from a career in Mechanical Engineering and Equipment Sales and currently works as the Golf Shop Assistant at Lady Bird Golf Course. Todd enjoys hunting, fishing and golf. We have two adult, unmarried children, Nicole and Todd Jr. who live in San Antonio and work for Black Rifle Coffee. We have 3 grand puppies.

We have been full time living in an Airstream since 2017 and are currently residing in an RV park in Fredericksburg, TX. During our Airstream ownerships, we have traveled 32,821 miles during several trips and photographed our Airstream in front of 42 of the lower 48 State Capitols plus the Capitol in Washington DC. In addition to both coasts, we have spent nights at the nations 1st KOA Campground in Cody, Wyoming and the nation's highest KOA Campground in Cripple Creek, Colorado (10,000 ft above sea level).



Our first Airstream was a Bambi 22FB (trips in blue) that we named Chick after Todd's Grandfather. It was light enough that we could tow it with our Honda Ridgeline. Chick also had a surprising amount of storage under the dining bench and bed however but it didn't have rock guards and we didn't like sleep-

ing against the cold aluminum walls on 3 sides of the bed in the winter.

Our second Airstream was the 27FBQ Flying Cloud (trips in orange) which we named Chick 2.0. We had it built to order with the Awning, Solar and Rearview Camera packages. We chose it because we could tow it with our ½ ton GMC pickup which had a max tow package and 1850 lbs. of payload. We also liked that the queen bed was not touching the walls on 3 sides, had ample closet space and the rear panoramic window to take advantage of the views you get backing into RV sites on rivers, lakes and oceans. For additional fulltime comfort, we recently purchased our 3rd Airstream. A 2023 Airstream Classic 30RB to replace Chick 2.0 which we have yet to name. We enjoy the additional square footage, power awning and reclining chairs but are not a fan of the fact that the sound system is not connected to the TV.



Our most memorable trip to date started in August of 2019 when we began our stint as Traveling Utility Inspectors. That trip took 17 months, covered 21,528 miles, took us to both coasts, thru 40 different states and added 22 state capitols to our list. Our favorite campsites experienced so far are Sea and Sand RV Park in Lincoln Beach Oregon which was right on the Pacific Ocean, Lake of the Ozarks State Park and Land Between the Lakes State Park in Kentucky all had sites that backed up to the water. As far as bucket list trips go, we obviously want to complete the Lower 48 Capitol challenge by visiting the remaining 6 State Capitols which will take us to the extreme Northeast. We are also looking forward to the Airstream Club Rally in Sedalia Missouri in October 2024.

THCU Boondocking Rally at The Vineyards of Fredericksburg RV in Fredericksburg, TX in pictures:

There were a lot of attendees in this one! The group picture below missed about 15 of the 36 attendees. I (Ally Ebbers) had too much fun and failed at taking the group pic. Too much fun. You should attend one of these if you haven't already. Check out the rally schedule—HINT HINT!







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 for the last two THCU activities of 2023:

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. As of 11/20—eight sites are booked. Eight is initially the max number of rigs, so you may be put on a waitlist unless the host is able to add more rigs depending on the site size. 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 boondocking nights.
- Activities include:
 - ⇒ Cooper's BBQ for 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://www.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
- This luncheon will be \$22/per person and includes a Taco/Fajita bar with two alcoholic or non alcoholic beverages. FYI—their food is really good!!
- Currently, 37 people are signed up.
- There will be a gift exchange!
- **Let Tim know if you are going to attend this event with the number of persons attending by texting him at 512.786.6380 or emailing him at timberintx@gmail.com.**

THCU 2024 Schedule

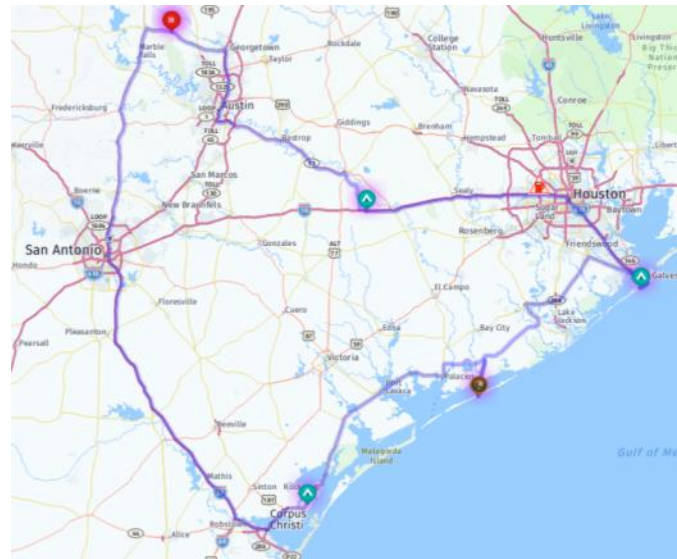
Date	Location	Comments
Feb 24-Mar 2	Tour of the TX Coast Rally	<p>See additional notes for this rally on the next page</p> <p>Contact Tim Ebbers for details if you are interested in joining us for all or part of this tour. Your reservations needs to be made soon if you want to attend this caravan and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



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 as soon as possible (REALLY). 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 10 spots have already been booked. The first three campsites are still open for reservations, but Mustang Island State Park is pretty full.



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 **eleven of the sixteen spots booked**.
 - Additional information regarding activities, rally fees, and limitations will be published to the attendees as we get them.

Registration open for Region 9 Rally May 1-5,2024 in Bandera TX is open.
To register, select the following link:

<https://airstreamclub.org/region9-2024-region-rally>



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

The itinerary is below:

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

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 & TGPU & NTxAC & ETLAU

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

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

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



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:

- * Bill and Ann Stevenson of Sunrise Beach Village, TX

New Affiliate Members:

- * Steven and Kristin Smith of Phoenix, AZ
- * Deborah Gill of Austin, TX

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





NOVEMBER

- 03 John Cragle
- 07 Stacey Cameron
- 11 Joyce Schwerdfeger
- 17 Theresa Davis
- 20 Jim Schwerdfeger
- 22 Katy Bonugli
- 30 Brooke Carrick

DECEMBER

- 07 Pat Green
- 12 Joe Long
- 18 Brian Walker
- 22 Lois Muir
- 25 Gerald Davis
- 26 Gary Cameron
- 27 Keegan Carrick
- 29 Yvonne Michek



- Dec 31—Michael & Bonnie Stanley
- Dec 31—Wayne & Martha Gosnell
- Jan 07— Michael & Pat Green
- Jan 11—Eddie & Jan Eiland



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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.

