

THE ROADRUNNER



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President's Message—April 2023



Frank & Gayle Steed with New Members Chris & Ruth Haefner

As they say, “time flies when you’re having fun.” I can hardly believe we are halfway thru my year as your THLAC President. We have survived Winter and enjoyed Rallies in Brackenridge and Galveston. We worked our way thru having Fairfield State Park closed on us and successfully moved our Weekend at Wendy’s to April and joined all of Region 9 in Gonzales. We will finish Spring enjoying Corsicana and then will be headed for Summer and Rock Springs and other cooler destinations.

Thanks to our Board and Committee Members for their work this first half of the year. We have updated our Constitution, By-Laws and Policies and have a slate of Nominees for your 2024 leadership. We have begun planning new Rallies and Caravans while continuing to grow our membership.

We look forward to Rallying with you this Fall at The Range, Brazos Bend and my final Rally at NTAC in Hillsboro where we will welcome in Bill and Elaine Saulnier as your next President and First Lady. It has been an exciting and fulfilling six months for Gayle and me. I hope you’ve enjoyed your travels this first half of 2023 as well. We’ll see you down the road soon.

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Membership: Peter Sajovich
Newsletter: Keith Ferry
Sunshine: Cindy Berdan

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2023

Apr 13-16 Weekend at Wendy’s Cherokee, TX
 May 3-8 Taste of Texas Rally sponsored by South East Camping Unit Guadalupe State Park, Spring Branch, TX
 May 18-21 Fruitcake Rally Oak Park, Navarro Mills Lake, Purdon, TX
 June 24-July 1 66th International Rally Rock Springs, WY
 Sept. 29-30 The Range Ennis, TX
 Oct. 12-15 Brazos Bend Rally
 Oct. 30-Nov. 14 West of the Pecos Caravan
 Nov. 16-19 Installation Rally— NTAC - Hillsboro, TX
 Nov. 30-Dec. 3 Christmas Rally Buckhorn Lake Resort, Kerrville, TX

2024

Feb. 15-18 Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering Alpine, TX
 May 1-5 Region 9 Rally Bandera, TX
 Oct 5-12 67th International Rally Sedalia, MO

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Check us out:

If you own an Airstream and are curious about what being a member of the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club and the Airstream Club International (WBCCI) would be like, visit us at <https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>. Listed are events offered by our club. You are welcome to attend one of our events provided there is space available. You would be responsible for any fees covering your camping site, event activities and/or meals. We look forward to welcoming you as a prospective member of our club.

NEW MEMBER PAGE

Welcome New Members

Linda Ayers
2023 Bambi 20'
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

Chris & Ruth Haefner
2023 Globetrotter 25'
Harker Heights, TX

Cheri Gottke
2022 Caravel 19'
San Antonio, TX

Robert & Teri Mansfield
2020 Classic 33'
San Antonio, TX

Judy Hubbard
2023 Bambi 16'
Wimberley, TX

Ross & Jennifer Novelli
2022 International 28'
Marble Falls, TX

Tommy & Dona Owen
2023 Atlas 25'
Austin, TX

Gregory & Louisa Stone
2016 Flying Cloud 27'
Boerne, TX

Mark & Donna Smith
2022 Caravel 20'
Austin, TX

Shawn Bourcier & Valerie Jimenez
2022 Globetrotter 30'
Columbus, TX

Roger & Sharon Ingram
2019 International Serenity 28'
Austin, TX

Thomas Healy
2022 Globetrotter 30'
Boerne, TX

Scott & Rachel Hadden
2023 Flying Cloud 25'
Georgetown, TX



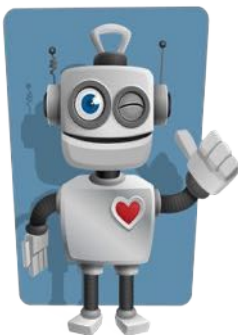
Big Red Numbers - They Tell A Story

For over 60 years, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International has been assigning members numbers and it all started in 1951 with the first Airstream Wally Byam Caravan.

“The [first Airstream Wally Byam Caravan](#) traveled to Mexico and Central America. Wally Byam called the tour the “1951 First Annual Inter-American Trailercoach Caravan Tour, El Paso, Texas to Managua, Nicaragua.” Wally found it necessary to keep track of his brood, so he issued numbers to each trailer. Wally’s Airstream was #1, naturally. But his number wasn’t the lowest – his dear friends Andy and Dell Anderson labeled their trailer with a double-zero: #00.

The first six caravans were open to all types of travel trailer. The sixth caravan traveled to Eastern Canada, where a remarkable event happened – when Airstream owners decided they wanted an all-Airstream Club, the Wally Byam Caravan Club was born. With a headquarters to manage the issuing of numbers, duplicates were a thing of the past. Each Airstream would have its own unique number. Wally’s trailer was still #1. The Schwamborn family was given #2.” [“From #1 to #29187: the Origin of Airstream Numbers, Dale “Pee Wee” Schwamborn, July 12, 2020.](#)

Today, these big red numbers remain with the owners as long as they maintain their membership in the Club – some of whom choose to proudly display them on their trailers. Each of the red stars on either side of these numbers reflects five years of membership in the Club. ***J. T & Rosario Lester, #32034, have eight (8) stars representing 42 years as a member of ACI.*** The tradition of big red numbers brings community to Airstream Club members as well as positive attention for the Airstream



Dear Rivet, What is the difference between dry camping and boondocking?

The terms “dry camping” and “boondocking” are often used interchangeably. They both refer to RV camping without access to electrical, water, and sewer hookups. Boondocking is a specific type of dry camping, typically done in remote natural places without any sort of infrastructure. It’s sometimes called “wild camping.” Dry camping includes a wider variety of locations, like state park campgrounds, casino parking lots, retail parking lots, rest areas, or even someone’s driveway—often referred to as moochdocking.



In 2017 Debbie & I did a club caravan across the Upper Peninsula and then down to Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore near Empire and Glen Arbor, Michigan. We volunteered there for three years. Some people have expressed an interest in rerunning this caravan.

Each rig will pay for its campsites, tours, and meals. So, there will be lots of time to pursue your interests yet, have the comradery of traveling and sharing experiences with friends.

We would meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and conclude at the Porcupine Mountains State Park. We estimated the travel time to and from the caravan from NTAC in Hillsboro.

The average high in September is 68* degrees, and the average low is 48°.

We recently sent a survey with the aim to see how many club members would be interested in going from August 24 to September 18 before we continue planning.

Thanks to everyone that responded to the Michigan 2024 survey. Below is the current list. If you would like to join the list, use this link: <https://conta.cc/3U8mRKE>

We will present a motion at the April business meeting for the club's approval of this new caravan to Michigan.

Rick Trimble, Caravan akk5bb@gmail.com

Rey Arellano

Darel & Marve Ball

Bruce & Marya Barefoot

Stanley & Cinda Brooks

Jonathan Crenwelge

Allen & Pam Faulk

Jim & Paula Haddox

Tracie Holub

Julie & Michael Kutach

Julie & Dean Lechtenberger

Bob Paquette

Randall & Elizabeth Rice

Bill & Elaine Saulnier

Amy & John VanArtsdalen

Michelle & Mark Wright

Dawn Zack

Steve & Ginger Zeringue

THLAC

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers to be elected for the 2023-2024 Year.

President:	Bill Saulnier
1st Vice President:	Allen Faulk
2nd Vice President:	Jim Dudley
Corresponding Secretary:	Keith Ferry
Recording Secretary:	Linda Glassman
Treasurer:	Bruce Nutt
2 Year Trustee:	Jonathan Crenwelge
2 Year Trustee:	Ginger Zeringue

I would like to thank Committee members Keith Ferry and Bill Saulnier for their hard work and dedication to our unit.
Steve Zeringue, Nominating Committee Chair

Marketing & Membership

Peter Sajovich
Marketing / Membership Chairman

Our next Newbie Workshop has been scheduled for July 29th at South Shore Lake Bastrop. If you have owned your Airstream for less than one year you are encouraged to attend.

A big thanks go out to Brian & Nancy Powers for helping put together the Saturday full day event.

For our more experienced members, if you would like help and participate on July 29th please reach out to me: 512-293-1871.



CAMPING OR LODGING

We have reserved Osprey Hall (Club House) for our one day event. If you are planning on camping or staying at one of the many Bastrop lodging facilities, you will need to make those reservations on your own.

As with all Airstream Club functions, all costs for hall rental, meals and handout materials are split and paid for by the participants. There is no charge for the workshop as our members donate their time.

Thanks to our sponsors, the total cost of the weekend is only **\$150.00** for a couple or **\$100.00** for a single person. After completing and returning the registration form, please send your registration fee via, PayPal, Venmo or Zelle to:

Peter Sajovich,
Marketing / Membership Chairman
Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club

512-293-1871

peter@homesofaustin.com

REGISTRATION - ONE DAY WORKSHOP

JULY 29th, 2023

Attending: One Day Only Camping at South Shore Staying at Hotel

Number of adult attendees: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Number of Children: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Name: First _____ Last _____ Birth Date: / / _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Address: _____ eMail: _____

Call Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Airstream Model: _____ Size: _____ Year: _____

Sales Person: _____ How many RV's have you owned previously: _____

Address of Austin (Campsite Check)
Upon completing email form to: peter@homesofaustin.com and make payment via PayPal, Venmo or Zelle

NEW AIRSTREAM OWNER WORKSHOP

Saturday July 29th, 2023
Lake Bastrop, South Shore

AirstreamClub.org



SO MUCH TO LEARN, SO LITTLE TIME

CAN YOU SPARE ONE DAY?

Our Saturday workshop presented by Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club is open to everyone who has purchased an Airstream within the past 12 months.

You can spend a day or a full weekend at the beautiful LCRA, Lake Bastrop, South Shore RV Park. While attending you will learn all about your Airstream and the benefits of owning an Airstream from members of the Wally Byam Airstream Club and Airstream Club International.

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ONE DAY WORKSHOP

At our Saturday, full day, workshop you will meet new owners, learn from experienced Airstreamers and ask questions in a small informal setting.

The workshop starts at 8:00 AM at Osprey Point Hall overlooking the beautiful 900 acre Lake Bastrop.

You can drive out for the day without your trailer or come and spend the entire weekend by individually reserving one of the 36 RV campsites for Friday and Saturday nights. Reserve your site at:

<https://icarparks.reserveamerica.com> enter "South Shore Park"

If traveling long distance you can book a room at Hampton Inn & Suites, 240 South Hasler Blvd, Bastrop, TX 78602. (855) 605-0317.

OUR WEEKEND IS SPONSORED AND SUPPORTED BY:

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Airstream.com

FULL DAY EVENT

Our FULL Saturday event will start at 8:00 AM with a catered breakfast at Osprey Hall (Club House). Breakfast will be followed by introductions and our first orientation session. After a short break with time to walk the South Shore we will resume with our second session followed with a barbecue luncheon prepared by volunteer members of Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club.

Following lunch and a short break we will resume with our third session. After another break everyone will go to a downtown restaurant for happy hour and an early dinner.

Our last and final session after dinner will conclude around 8:00 PM.

The full day event will feature FOUR informative sessions:

- 1) Introductions and Trailer Basics
- 2) Safety On and Off the Road.
- 3) Maintenance, a Never-Ending Challenge.
- 4) Parks & Passes - Travel Tips & Tricks.



Region 9 News

Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9 President



MISSION: ENRICHING VETERANS' LIVES
VISION: FORGING AMERICA'S LEADING HEALTH AND WELL-NESS COMMUNITY FOR VETERANS

THANK YOU REGION 9 FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO TEAM RWB. \$2000 HAS BEEN DONATED BY REGION 9.



Mike Richards (far right) won Best of Show for the most authentic Texas chili.



Ruth & Chris Haefner recognized as the newest club members attending the Region 9 Rally.



THLAC President, Frank Steed, recognized for his leadership and service to the Airstream Club

Region 9 News

THLAC NEW MEMBERS ATTEND REGION RALLY



Alicia & Ernesto Diaz



Donna & Mark Smith



Nyla & Kent Miller



Verna Roye & Bill Crawford



John & Kathy Ward

BIRTHDAYS *and* ANNIVERSARIES

April Birthdays

4-2 Pam Faulk
4-2 Lisa Randolph
4-2 Gayle Steed
4-8 Karen Stutsman
4-10 Mickey Reyes
4-11 Janie Haddaway
4-12 Grady Ferry
4-17 Keith Ferry
4-18 Sue Arnensen
4-19 Stephanie Sobotik
4-24 Donna Hunt

May Birthdays

5-1 Matthew Shepard
5-3 Colin Melton
5-7 Jimmy Mooney
5-8 Mark Randolph
5-9 Ken Mitchell
5-10 JoEllen Wynne
5-14 Elaine Saulnier
5-18 David Loose
5-19 Jim Haddock
5-20 Dean Lechtenberger
5-20 Marya Barefoot
5-20 Phil Spruell
5-20 Marve Ball
5-28 Debbie Trimble

April & May Anniversaries

4-5 Laurie & Don O'Neal
4-16 Gene & Kathy Blanchard
4-30 Kenneth & Jan Tolces
5-4 Mark & Lisa Randolph
5-7 Gary & Marilyn McClanahan
5-7 Douglas & Patricia Thomas
5-16 Lee & Tricia Henry
5-17 Bruce & Marya Barefoot
5-18 John & Susan Sheridan
5-23 Mike & Betty Richards

Did we miss recognizing your special day? Contact Keith Ferry, Corresponding Secretary, at ferry_keith@hotmail.com to update your membership information.

PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS



Ginger & Steve Zeringue said a final good bye to their beloved dog, Zeva. We send them our love and comfort knowing their best friend has crossed over he rainbow bridge.

Steve Zerigue's mother has gone under hospice care. Our prayers for this difficult time.

Barbara Roberts younger brother is now on comfort care. Our prayers for this difficult time.

Mike Richards will undergo surgery after the first of May. We wish him a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Dear Airstream friends,

Donna and I want to thank all of you for your help and concern after Donna's fall and hospitalization in Galveston during the Mardi Gras rally. Several of you asked for an update on her progress.

As you know, Donna fell and broke her hip on Saturday 2/11 and had surgery the next afternoon at UTMB Galveston. She was released from UTMB on 2/16. We drove through Houston that afternoon and stopped for the night outside Brenham before returning to the Austin area on 2/17.

Donna is walking with more confidence every day and the pain is gradually subsiding. We expect a full recovery.

Again thanks to all.

Ray Herrold and Donna Simmons

*During a time like this
we learn how much our friends
and relatives really mean to us.
Your expression of sympathy will
always be treasured.*

THLAC + members -

*Thanks so much for your memorial
to the Stevenson Center at Texas A&M
and also for the many cards + calls!*

*THLAC HAS a special place in my Heart,
ALWAYS - HARVEY*

PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Frank & Gayle Steed



We traveled to Port Aransas in February to attend the 26 th Anniversary of the Whooping Crane Festival. We had a blast and learned so much. The Texas Coastal Bend area is the only spot in the United States where the endangered Whooping Cranes can be viewed at close range, however, you should bring binoculars.

The Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center was our favorite place to observe many varieties of birds including Whooping Cranes, Rosette Spoonbills, Sandhill Cranes, Laughing Seagulls, and “Boots” the Alligator.



Another favorite area for viewing birds and beautiful sunsets is at the Aransas Nature Preserve at Charlie’s Pasture. We enjoyed a tour at the ARK (Amos Rehabilitation Keep) at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute where they rehabilitate marine turtles and birds. Reservations are needed.

All good things must come to an end and our departure was perfect as we left just as the Spring breakers began to arrive.



PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Bob Paquette

March is the time I bring the camper out of a winter's slumber and get it on the road. I hit a few State Parks on my way to spring baseball in Phoenix. San Angelo State Park had a fun mountain bike trail, and a lake that was only 3% full. Wow! Monahans State Park was a good place for a lunch break. Franklin Mountains State Park and the nearby BLM property offered some good mountain biking.



Monahans State Park



San Angelo State Park



Mountains State Park and the nearby BLM property offered some good mountain biking.

PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Bob Paquette—continued

Once I got to Phoenix, I enjoyed some fun spring baseball and the best mountain biking I've had in awhile, with some great spring scenery. On the way home, I stopped near Roswell at Bottomless Lakes State Park and met some bonafide aliens! After a few weeks away, I was eager to get home and play with my twin grandsons!

Happy Trails! Bob Paquette BRN 19745



PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Rex Beverly & Melissa Lockhart

Rex Beverly and Melissa Lockhart, and Bruno (20 ft Basecamp) stayed at the San Antonio, Tx, KOA for the weekend in February for the San Antonio Stock Show. Grand parents stayed in Bruno and the grand kids had a Log Cabin. A great weekend, KOA had so many amenities. Note: KOA prices surge during the Stock Show.



Rick & Debbie Trimble

In March we enjoyed sharing our place, the valley and the beach to Cally, Celso, Cruz, Celeste Escobar. Cally is Rick's mom's caregiver. Rick did a wonderful job setting up the Airstream as a B & B.

We also have decided to build our own little "villa" in the Valley. It will be around 950 square feet, 1 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. We found a CAD designer in the Valley to do the plans. Next, at the end of March we poured cement to increase the size of the foundation. We will be doing this in stages. We can't leave Plano. Rick's mom is 102, healthy, and still lives at home with caregivers 6 days a week.

Debbie & Rick Trimble
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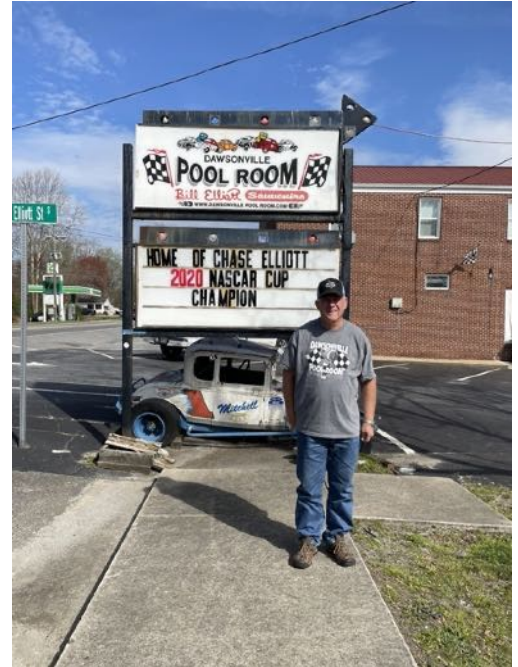
PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Kathy & Mike Ashley

We spent 8 days in Georgia at some beautiful state parks! First up on the way was Roosevelt SP in Morton, MS Very convenient to I-20 but far enough off to avoid noise. Next was Chattahoochee Bend SP in Georgia It was in the middle of nowhere but a GREAT park - only 26 spots that were spaced well apart.. Stopped at Stone Mountain on the way to Don Carter SP near Dawsonville, GA - home of Bill & Chase Elliott We went to the Dawsonville Pool Room and had a burger and visited the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame Museum - great museum! Then down to High Falls SP near the Atlanta Speedway Racing on Saturday and Sunday and it was COLD! Headed home on Monday and spent the night at Roosevelt SP again.

Kathy Ashley

With God all things are possible!



PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Peter & Carol Sajovich

Carol and I had a fabulous time leading our 13 day Rollin' to The BIG EASY national caravan. It was made even more enjoyable by having four of our Texas Highland Lakes members (Barb & Keith Richard, Steve & Cheryl Turley, Pam & Jim Dudley and Keith & Grady Ferry) joining us.

After each caravan we request and receive suggestions and it just keeps getting better every year.



Private performance at Preservation Hall in New Orleans.



Cooking demonstration with lunch at New Orleans School of Cooking



Swamp tour in Breaux Bridge

PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Sue Brown & Dennis Burchell

Here are a few photos from the Christmas Rally. I should have sent them sooner. We had such a great time!

Best to all, Sue Brown & Denis Burchell





Flamingo Flip

Thanks to a great suggestion from Jamie Eng, # 13135, we have a new page for our newsletter, Flamingo Flip. This is space for you to list items you have for sale or swap. Submit information and photos to Keith Ferry at ferry_keith@hotmail.com.

I do have one item for sale. It is an Hughes Autoformer Model RV2130-SP. The legendary, original, and patented RV voltage booster, **now with the world's most advanced surge protection**. As an extra feature, the surge / spike protection module is also **replaceable**. In the event of a massive spike, the surge unit will take the hit, ensuring your booster and – more importantly – your RV is not damaged. This is a new unit in the box never used. It retails for \$459.00. I will sell for \$350.00. Thanks

Greg Walker grwalk@swbell.net 254-205-5859



Do you travel with a bandana?

Do you travel with a bandana? I travel with several because they are so useful. When I was walking to school as a fifth grader, I witnessed an automobile accident. The crossing guard whipped out his bandana to form a bowl for a sick person and another bandana to use as a compress on a wound. Impressive! As a girl scout, I learned even more uses for my trusty bandanas. Here is a list of some ideas of how you too can use a bandana.

- * Wear on the head as a scarf or headband.
- * Use as a cooling neckerchief by wetting or wrapping with ice cubes before tying around your neck or wrist.
- * Cover your eyes to block the sun or block light to get needed rest.
- * Wrap your mouth and nose cowboy style to protect from dust, smoke, pollen and sandstorms.
- * Tie items together. For example: hold a collection of rocks from a hike
- * Enjoy as a napkin or mini table cloth
- * Bathe using it as a washcloth or towel
- * Tuck into your hat to keep the sun off the back of your neck
- * Clean eyeglasses, binoculars, camera lens, tablet screen
- * Blow your nose or block a sneeze – of course!
- * Collar a runaway dog or just use for doggie styling
- * Mark a trail
- * Use for first aid as a pressure bandage, a tourniquet, a cold compress when filled with ice or snow, to dress a wound, as a bandage, as a sling to stabilize an injured joint or to hold a splint in place.

These are only a few ways to use a bandana. I am sure you can add to the list. In the meantime, enjoy using your bandanas.

Keith Ferry, #3519



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