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#### President's Message— December 2023

Greetings THLAC Members,

Elaine and I just returned from the Installation Rally, "A Taste of Texas" where we awarded Frank Steed and Gayle the coveted Past President and Former First Lady titles and thanked them for a great year under their leadership. The new officers were installed by Grady Ferry. Some officers continued in their roles, some retired, but new and old alike were toasted with Champaign and Cake was served. The cake had a slight spelling error but that just added to the celebration. These installation rallies really are fun and I invite you to seriously consider attendance next November when it will be held in the always popular Vineyards RV Park in Fredericksburg, TX.

We also held our fall business meeting where we heard the officer reports and passed several important motions having to do with the administration of the club. This only takes about an hour and it provides a view of how the club operates and a chance to speak with the club officers. Our next meeting will be held on March 16, 2024 during the Blue Bonnets Rally in Brenham. I encourage you to attend.

Speaking of rallies, we have a full slate of seven THLAC rallies and three caravans led by THLAC members during the next year as well as a region 9 rally in Bandera and the international rally in MO. You can find dates and more for all of these on the airstreamclub.org website. I sincerely hope that all of our rallies next year will be full with current and especially new members. Feel free to contact me about attendance or opportunities to help host any of these rallies. If you are new to all this do not be shy about attending these regional and international events, they are great fun with interesting activities and many of your THLAC friends will be there.

As we start another year THLAC is one of the largest units. We will continue to grow and be a very active and fiscally sound club. Know that I and the club officers you elected will do our best to make sure we continue in this great tradition nurtured by previous club leaders.

So there you have it, a great year of Airstream travel and fellowship completed and another one beginning. I wish you the best for the next year and I hope you will spend some of that time with us at THLAC events.

Travel well and safely.

Bill Saulnier, President



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Feb. 15-18 Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering

Alpine, TX

March 14-17 Bluebonnets Rally

Brenham, TX

April 5-8 Eclipse Special Rally

Hamilton, TX

April 18-21 Texas State Railroad Rally

Rusk, TX

May 1-5 THLAC/ Region 9 Rally

Bandera, TX

May 30-June 2 Best of Belton & Salado

Belton, TX

Aug 28-Sept 16 Upper Pennisula Caravan

Oct 5-12 67th International Rally

Sedalia, MO

Nov. 14-17 Installation Rally

Fredericksburg, TX

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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 <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes">https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes</a>. 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.

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# Come join us May 1-5 For the Region 9 2024 Rally Bandera Texas



The rally will be held at Skyline Ranch located at 2231 Hwy 16 N in Bandera Texas. Registration is available on line at https://airstreamclub.org/region9-2024-region-rally

#### Registration includes:

- 1) Full hook-up with 50/30 amp service in a pull-through site for four nights (check-in Wednesday and check-out Sunday),
- 2) Breakfast and coffee Thursday through Sunday,
- 3) Welcome Dinner/Party on Wednesday evening,
- 4) Thursday boxed lunch and dinner at a local favorite grill, the 11th Street Cowboy Bar (you bring your grill item, Region 9 is supplying sides and beverages), followed by dancing under the stars,
- 5) Chili Cook-Off on Friday night accompanied by a trick-roping show by the Bandera US Cowboy Ambassador (register below if you want to enter your chili in the cook-off or if you will provide a side dish), and
- 4) Catered Region Dinner on Saturday evening followed by The Western Flyers (Texas Swing Band).

The following links have information about the Bandera area and entertainers that will perform at the Rally

#### Rally Schedule

Texas Swing Band

Kevin Fitzpatrick, World Famous Trick Roper

# Region 9 Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024 from 9:00AM to 2:00 PM in the Skyline Ranch Park Rally Room. There are 50 slots available. Please click on the link below to sign up for a time slot.

Click here to sign up for a time slot

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# **Marketing & Membership**

Peter Sajovich #13349
Marketing & Membership Chairman

Visited with the former manager and learned that the new Super Center is now complete with a Grand Opening scheduled for December 12th.



This means faster and better service for our Airstreams because the Super Center has their own service department with their own technicians. The total separation of Airstreams and all other SOB's is now complete.

Inside the Airstream dealership they proudly display their Top Airstream Dealer award for Central United States.

They were ahead of Airstream DFW the second largest dealer in the Central Region.

I think with their new Airstream exclusive facility they won't have any trouble in staying on top.

After their grand opening I will be meeting with the new management to discuss how they (the dealership) wants to continue with our Newbie Workshops in-light of the fact that we can't use the workshops to recruit new members for THLAC.

# **Marketing & Membership**



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# THLAC NEWS

The annual Christmas Rally was held at Buckhorn RV Resort in Kerrville 11/30 to 12/3/2023 and it was, in my view, a great success. We had excellent attendance (sorry for those that didn't get in), we raised \$5200 at the auction, collected a lot of food and other items for the local no kill shelter, and it seemed everyone had a great time. Please take a look at the "Friends of THLAC" Facebook page for many great pictures.

#### Airstream decorating winners:

First Place (Most Festive): Bill Booker and Richard Roucloux Second Place (Most Creative): Mike Lovell and Colin Melton Third Place (Classic): Brian and Nancy Powers

#### PJ Contest winners:

First: Mike and Kathy Ashley Second: Peter Sajovich Third: Phil and Judy Spruell

#### Charities:

\$1300 and collected items to Freeman Fritts No Kill Animal Shelter \$1300 to Salvation Army

Finally I would like to offer great thanks on behalf of THLAC to our hosts Pam and Jim Dudley, Barbara and Keith Roberts with helpers Phil and Peggy Spruell, and Rick and Judy Taylor. The rally would not have been possible without these folks.



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#### Bill



New Members Attending their first Christmas Rally:

# **THLAC Past Presidents**



Many of our THLAC Past Presidents gathered at the Installation Rally held in Hillsboro. Pictured from left to right: Keith Ferry, Grady Ferry, Steve Zeringue, Frank Steed, Current President Bill Saulnier, Past International President Jim Haddaway & First Lady Janie Haddaway, and Rick Trimble.

To all fellow THLAC members,

Gayle and I have had a great year as your President and First Lady. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Club and to experience a terrific year of travel and adventure.

I'd like to thank our Executive Board and Committee Chairs for their support and their dedication to the Club. Also thanks to all the Rally Hosts who made the Rallies you attended so much fun.

Bill has an exciting and fun filled year planned for you and the Club is in great hands with your incoming 2024 Officers.

We look forward to seeing you at a Rally soon. We hope your Holidays are Fabulous.

Frank & Gayle

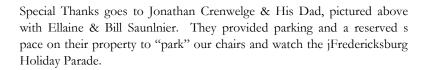
# Christmas Rally













# Installation Rally



New President Bill Saulnier and First Lady, Elaine.



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# NEW MEMBER PAGE

#### Welcome New Members

Deborah Gill Austin, TX 2023 Basecamp 16'

Joe Lochridge Austin, TX 1969 Trade Wind 25'

Stephen Souris Carola Hundrich-Souris Denton, TX 2017 Flying Cloud 23'

Dora Palao & Patrick Arnold Plano, TX 2007 Safari 25'

Clemens & Audrey Winner Stonewall, TX 2018 Flying Cloud 30'

Thierry Pellegrino Austin, TX 1968 Sovereign Land Yacht 31'

Rick & Laurie Vice Missouri City, TX 2019 Flying Cloud 25'

Marvin & Wanda Whitehill Savoy, TX 2020 Globetrotter 23'

Becky Gray & David Smith Hillsboro, TX 2965 Globetrotter 20'

# Holiday Movies

With the winter holidays right around the corner, it's the perfect time to curl up on the couch, watch movies, and relax. Of course, with the hundreds of Christmas or Christmas-adjacent movies that come out every year now, it can be tough to settle on exactly which one you're in the mood for.

To help guide you, here is a list of the best Christmas movies ever — featuring a grab bag of sentimental classics, adult-oriented comedies, and animations.

It's A Wonderful Life

A Charlie Brown Christmas

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Miracle on 34th Street

Love Actually

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Scrooged

National Lampoon's Christmas

Vacation

**Diebard** 

The Bishop's Wife

Holiday Inn

A Christmas Story

Elf

The Muppet Christmas Carol

White Christmas

Home Alone

The Santa Clause

A Christmas Carol

**Bad Santa** 

Gremlins

Christmas in Connecticut

The Shop Around the Corner

Klaus





Dear Rivet, What can I do to make a long drive less boring?

Being bored while driving can make the drive seem so much longer and more tedious. A great playlist, an interesting podcast, or a new audiobook can make the drive more enjoyable for both the driver and the passenger(s). Plan these playlists/podcasts out ahead of time to avoid touching your phone while driving, especially if you are traveling solo. This will make the time go by much faster. One friend looks for podcasts about the area they are visiting. I like to listen to local music such as Cajun music while in Louisiana and of course Elvis when in Memphis, TN.

#### BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

December Birthdays		January Birthdays		December & January Anniversaries	
12-1	Laurie O'Neal	1-2	Rosario Lester	12-12	Wendell & Shirley Fleming
12-1	Cynthia Nutt	1-3	Kathryn Fischer	12-16	Bruce & Cynthia Nutt
12-2	Bill Booker	1-4	David Blakey	12-18	Matthew & Deanna Shepard
12-3	Paul Nevitt	1-7	Ginger Zeringue	12-10	J.T. & Rosario Lester
12-5	Randall Rice	1-13	Darel Ball	12-21	Rock & Shelley McNulty
12-9	Janet Turner	1-13	Jami Eng	12-27	Pam & Allen Faulk
12-12	Kirk Guidry	1-15	Tom Beebe	1-10	Mike & Kathy Ashley
12-15	Cindi Cockrill	1-16	Donna	1-15	Julie Jordan & Stephanie Sobotik
12-16	Brian Powers	1-18	Jim Courtney	1-17	Kirk & Sharon Guidry
12-17	Cindy Berdan	1-21	David Delgado		
12-18	C.C. Gartman	1-24	Allen Faulk		
12-23	Wendell Fleming	1-25	Mark Cockrill		
12-25	Sherry Parten	1-28	Kathy Ashley		
12-31	Kathi Mitchell				
12-31	John Harrod				

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

Prayers for my dad James Ardell Mayton. He has had back to back illnesses this fall. ~ Marve Ball

With great sadness we announce the passing of Steve Zeringue's mother Rita Zeringue at age 93. She passed away on 11/14 with family by her side. Private funeral arrangements will be made at a later date. We would like to thank our friends and neighbors for all their support during this tough time. Steve & Ginger Zeringue

With heavy hearts, Tom & Jean Beebe will be selling their trailer. The Beebes have been members of THLAC for over 14 years. During that time Jean served many years as our Treasurer and then as Corresponding Secretary. Tom was always ready to share his "chef" talents for Dutch Oven cooking and fabulous breakfast tacos. We will miss them.

#### **Bob Paquette**

Bob Paquette's summary of recent activities: Having an Airstream means I get to go to my favorite places to play: parks!

August: Biking at Tyler State Park, and other nearby trails.



September: Mountain biking at Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area in Tennessee. Staying at Little Beaver State Park in West Virginia for hiking at New River Gorge National Park and the Kentucky Home Park in Lexington, KY for a road bike rally with a few others from my bike club.





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#### **Bob Paquette**





October: I parked in my daughter's front yard, (that looks like a park, right?) Then rolled to Brazos Bend State Park for the club rally.

November: The West Of Pecos caravan, my second year in a row, took us to 5 parks with lots of spectacular sights. I bookended the trip with stops at Garner State Park: and Abilene State Park:

Over the past 3 years, 19 Texas state parks down, 67 to go. Bring on 2024!





#### Cheryl Chanaud & Suzie Lopez

We just wanted to let the Club know that we have moved our Airstream to northern New Mexico for the foreseeable future and will be changing clubs to the Colorado Club as of January 1. We have enjoyed meeting members of this group, thank all for their kindnesses, and want to thank the officers for their work.

We may yet see you down the road.

#### Cindy & Marty Berdan

Granddaughter Emily Pumphret graduates December 15th from University of North Texas with a teaching degree in elementary education. She begins her career in January with Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD.

#### Marve & Darel Ball

My grandkids fairy photo shoot, Willow and Hazel!



#### **Brian & Nancy Powers**

The Powers Adventure - Brian and Nancy Powers

Like most of you, we have had a busy year, and with that we have met some wonderful people who have become great friends.



We started off the Airstream portion of our life with the Georgia on My Mind Caravan which was awesome. However, I did not realize Brian was not a history buff. So by the fourth stop at a mansion that survived Sherman's March to the Sea, Brian was done with the mansions. However, he did enjoy the Georgia Rural Telephone Museum, displaying hundreds of antique telephones, he was in heaven! Telecommunications was his business so it was great fun.

After that Springtime in the Rockies - which is a top 5 for me. Great trip, we had friends on the California caravan on this trip and club members and other previous caravan

friends, so fun.

The International Rally is where we ended up. Let's say I have never seen so many Airstreams and so much dust and rock. Rock Springs is an appropriate name. But it was, of course, enjoyable with seminars and friends and we were able to complete or Caravan

Leadership training. We are now official caravan leaders, which is a good thing because we led a Region 9 Caravan, West of the Pecos in October. Now talk about a good time. That caravan had the kindest



29 people we have ever met. Mark and Michelle Wright are our co-leaders and we just had a blast with everyone. We dragged them all over West Texas and they willingly followed us and all ended up with the Big Bend Glow. Next year, 2024, was to be our gap year - no caravans - except leading now a National Caravan, West of the Pecos, but of course we finally got on The Viking Trail with Peter and Carol Sajovich. Who can pass that up. Caravan on!



#### Cinda & Stanley Brooks



From a very successful competition in the World Police Fire Games in Canada last summer, the Brooks traveled south, south... to Guadalajara, Mexico. Cinda was honored to be invited to the Latin American Police & Fire Games where she was inducted into their Hall of Fame for athletic accomplishments and service to people. Cinda competed with 100 officers from central and south America in the pistol competitions. She admits that Day 1 competition was embarrassing poor. Using a pistol borrowed from the local police, the high safety and security environment, and the range commands all in Spanish...rattled her confidence.



Following a night of authentic Mexican food and margaritas, prayer, and a lot of self-talk, Day 2 was a comeback-- the best shooting in her life...bringing home the Gold! She stands on the belief that it's the connections and the relationships developed that is richer than any gold medals but it sure is fun to have both!



Cinda with some of her lady competitors

#### Cindi & Mark Cockrill

Hello from the Cockrill's!

We enjoyed an adventure to the west! We started in NM visiting Valley of Fires Rec Area, White Sands NP & attending an open house at the Trinity Site. We then traveled to Arizona & went to Saguaro NP. We made it to California exploring Joshua Tree NP & spending time with family. Our next stop was Utah where we were able to check some bucket list activities off at Zion NP. Traveling back towards home, we stopped by Page, AZ to see Horseshoe Bend, Winslow, AZ to stand on the corner, then by our 5th national park of this trip- Petrified Forest NP. We are so thankful being able to explore this way! "Life is meant for spectacular adventures. Let your feet wander, your eyes marvel, & your soul ignite." Wishing all blessings galore in "24! Cindi & Mark



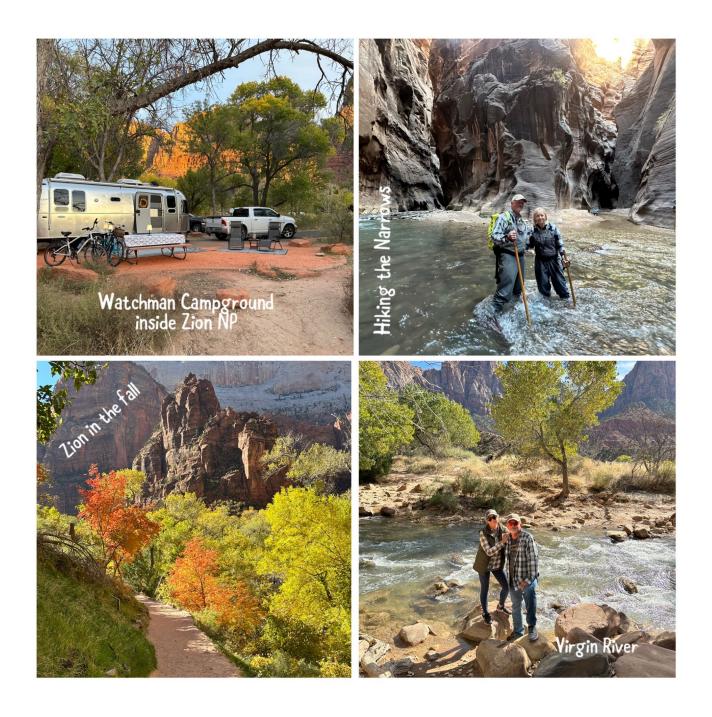






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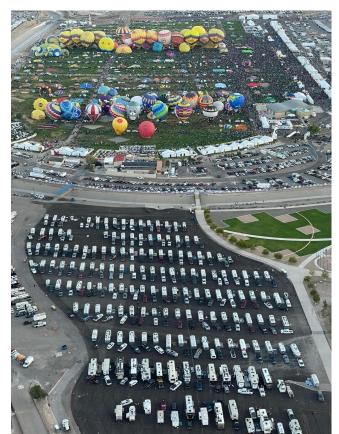
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#### David & Kristi Taylor

Our fun adventure for the newsletter.... Balloon Fiesta





We entered the lottery in January and were lucky enough to get a slot. On the outbound leg, we spent the night in Abilene, an alpaca farm in Clovis, and the Enchanted Trails RV park in Albuquerque. The arrival process was very organized and you can't beat the location; next the balloon museum and approximately 200 yards from an entrance. Four nights of boondocking using just our solar. Some folks used generators during the day, just had to keep them off the ground. On the return trip, we visited the other side of Clovis and Early (Brownwood).

If you've never been we would highly recommend putting your name in the lottery for a space.



#### **Ed & Cheri Addicks**

We joined our son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter at our home in Anacortes for a wonderful Thanksgiving. The beautiful turkey, with trimmings, in the photo was cooked by our son! Continuing a family tradition started by Cheri many years ago, we all went around the table saying what we were most thankful for. What a great day!



After spending two months in the Four Corners area on the SW Adventures Caravan, Cheri and I met up with our dear friends, Mike and Gina McGinn, in the Columbia River Gorge area. The McGinn's had just completed the Discovering Cascadia Caravan as co-leaders; they will soon be co-leading the On to Alaska Caravan.



#### **Julie & Bob Anderson**

n October Bob and I completed our quest to visit all of the lower 48 states with the Airstream. We had previously been in all 50, but not with our 25' Flying Cloud . We began this adventure three months into the pandemic and completed it by driving into the state of Oregon last August. 38,000 miles clocked during seven big journeys around the country. We also visited two of the Canadian provinces.

On these travels we visited family, college friends, old neighbors, old friends, new friends, and blogging friends I'd never met in person — only through our words. We camped in over 100 campgrounds, our preference being state parks but included Harvest Hosts and sometimes parking in front of a friend's house. We hiked in 30 national parks. Enjoyed museums, slot canyons, and many beaches.

Our favorite places? All of them.



#### Bill & Elaine Saulnier



Since Elaine and I have not done an update for a while this one goes back further than normal. We are grateful for a great year traveling with our Airstream (Happenstance), attending rallies and sharing time with friends. The focus of our adventures was completing the Springtime in the Rockies caravan which we had to back out of in 2022 due to a problem with our Airstream. This year we made the entire 5,000 plus mile trip (including a stop at the International Rally in Rock Springs) without serious incident and only one trip to a Vet while on the road. I love the mountains and had skied in the Rockies of Colorado many times in the far distant past but had never really got the full tour that this caravan provides. Elaine prefers the beach but even she had to admit we saw some fantastic vistas that we probably would have missed if left on our own. I highly recommend it with a couple caveats. One is that the driving is sometimes not for the faint of heart with many switchback turns on narrow and steep roads. Nothing you can't handle if you are a reasonably confident driver and remember to repeat the mantra "take your time" constantly. Coming to a total stop is not out of the question in some situations. Secondly, many of the places you traverse, camp or otherwise visit are quite high, as high as 14,110 feet as my hat says (Pike's Peak). Still, I strongly recommend it.

After that adventure we stopped for a couple nights in Cody, WY traveling with Brian and Nancy Powers where we visited the Bill Cody Historical Museum and tried out a couple restaurants. This turned out to be a fun stop. We then met up with other THLAC members gathering in Roswell, WY the night before going to International so we could park together in Rock Springs. Pam and Jim Dudley with Keith and Barbara Richards organized a group dinner on spur of the moment for all of us and a few other folks they had met along the way. I have no idea how they manage to do these things but they did and it was great, although a bit cold and rainy that evening.

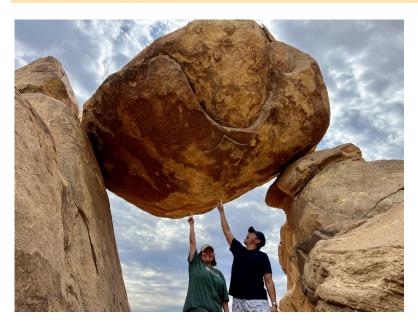
At International THLAC was awarded a highly prized parking area where most of us parked. The ambiance was best described as "dusty gravel pit" but it was nice to be together in a dedicated spot. A highlight was the THLAC happy hour which I think everyone enjoyed immensely. It was surprising how many of our members were there! There was also a terrific dog park near by.

We are doing a cruise through the Panama Canal, a full transit. We leave on December 16th, returning on Jan. 3rd. So no baking or cooking! First time ever. We hope to see you all soon at a rally or elsewhere on the road.





#### Teresa & Joe Romero



We went on our first caravan - West of the Pecos and really enjoyed everything. The organization of this trip was well done. We met new people from all walks of life, interests, and backgrounds. We have already booked future trips with people we met and are so excited for this new adventure. The hikes were truly amazing. I had no idea Texas was that mountainous. Our favorites were Closed Canyon and Balanced rock.

#### Mike & Kathy Ashley







Our 3 granddaughters having Thanksgiving dinner.

#### Pete & Shareece Dumont





Shareece and I went to Inks Lake SP near Burnett, TX. It was a chilly week but we had a great time biking and hiking. Several excellent hiking trails with beautiful views of the lake. Highly recommended park!







#### Pete & Shareece Dumont

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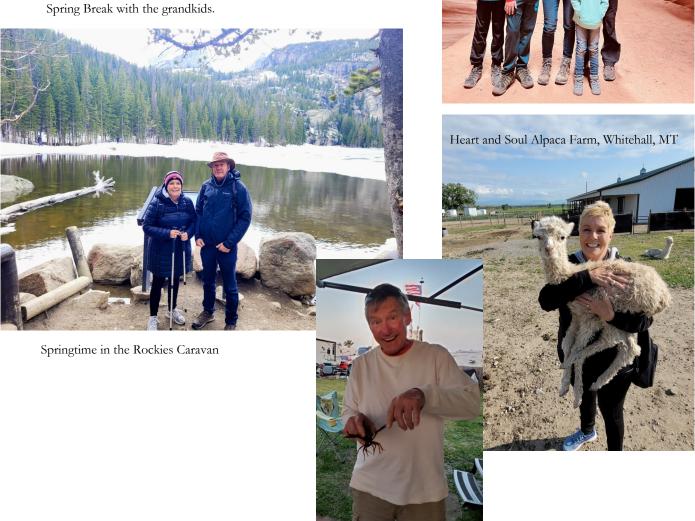






#### Michael & Julie Kutach





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Glacier National Park red bus tour

Mt. Rushmore



Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally

#### Merri & Steve Crawley

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Here are some pictures from the Balloon Fiesta and Murder Mystery Rally in El Dorado, AR.

We caravaned with The Crawleys/Roberts to the Balloon Fiesta, then made our way across TX to Grapevine where we met The Dudleys.

The Murder Mystery was exciting and Pam Dudley solved all the clues!









#### Merri & Steve Crawley













# 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.

With heavy hearts we will be selling our trailer... Twin beds, new floor, new refrigerator, hensley hitch, 16"tires...all misc. Appraised by Airstream 42K / asking for 40K Contact Tom Beebe at theebe144@gmail.com or 512-745-4202



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