

THE ROADRUNNER



A Publication of the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club #172 of the Airstream Club International (WBCCI)

<https://airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes>

President's Message—February 2023

Hello Highland Lakers.

I hope you all had terrific Holidays and are making it through our non-travel season without going into withdrawal. As we start to think of de-winterizing, I wanted to put the Rally travel bug in your ear for our Spring flings.

We will have seen a dozen or so of you in Galveston for “Streamin’ on the Strand”. Our March Rally will be held in Gonzales in conjunction with the Region 9 Come and Stream It Rally. Details and signup information are available on the Region 9 website. We’ll be having a Club luncheon for our attendees and will be supporting the Region by hosting one of the days events. Nancy Fitzgerald has set a goal of 100 trailers, and I hope we do our part. It’s a great area and she has lots of events planned.

On our Texas Highland Lakes website, you can sign up for our April and May Rallies. You will be receiving invitations to each from Debbie Trimble thru Constant Contact. We have spaces booked at Fairfield Lake State Park for April and Oak Park at Navarro Mills Lake for May.

Fairfield is the home of award winning Te’Jun, the Texas Cajun and we will be enjoying their shrimp and crawfish on Friday evening. Grady and Keith Ferry and Mike and Betty Richards are hosting and have plans that include birding, hiking, a Cast Iron Cooking and much more. We will also hold our Spring Business meeting where you will be asked to review the outstanding work done by our Constitution, By-Laws, and Policy Committee to update our procedures. Thanks to Committee Chair Harvey Craig, Keith Ferry, Jean Beebe, Mike Lovel, Colin Melton and Darrel Ball for the time and effort they have contributed. We’ll also hear nominations for our 2024 Officer slate from our Nominations Committee headed up by Past President Steve Zeringue. It will be a fun and informative Rally and the park should not be missed.

In May we’ll be at a hidden gem of a Corps of Engineers Park at Navarro Mills Lake outside Corsicana. Host Darell and Marve Ball and Kathy and Mike Ashley will help us celebrate Corsicana’s 175th Anniversary and discover all there is to know about the World-Famous Deluxe Fruitcake with a private tour of Collins Street Bakery. Other informative and fun events are being planned and you’ll love the relaxing shoreline of Navarro Mills Lake.

That will bring us to our summer break, and I hope you’re all making your travel plans for Rock Springs and the 66th International WBAC Rally. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas please contact me by phone, text or e-mail. Gayle and I look forward to seeing you all on the Road this Spring.

Frank Steed, President, Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club
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2023

March 28-Apr 2 Region 9 Rally - "Come Stream It"
 JB Wells Park, Gonzales, TX

Apr 13-16 Crawfish Boil Rally &
 THLAC Spring Business Meeting
 Fairfield Lake State Park, Fairfield, TX

May 3-8 Taste of Texas Rally sponsored by
 South East Camping Unit
 Guadalupe State Park, Spring Branch, TX

May 18-21 Fruitcakes Rally
 Oak Park, Navarro Mills Lake, Purdon, TX

June 24-July 1 67th International Rally—
 Rock Springs, WY

Sept. 29-30 The Range
 Ennis, TX

Oct. 12-15 Weekend at Windy's
 Cherokee, TX

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

Oct 5- 68th International Rally
 Sedalia, MO

The Roadrunner is published bi-monthly in February, April, June, August, October and December for the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club #172 of the Airstream Club International (WBCCI). Members are invited to submit articles about their Airstream travels, maintenance tips, family news and prayer concerns to : ferry_keith@hotmail.com.

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

David & Anna Brandon
2006 Classic 30'
Hillsboro, TX

Susan Stringer
1973 Overlander 27'
Kingsland, TX

Scott & Connie Oberle
2023 Flying Cloud 25'
McKinney, TX

Joe & Teresa Romero
2023 Globetrotter 28'
Spring, TX

James & Kimberly Townsend
2019 Flying Cloud 25'
San Antonio, TX

David & Dana Tucker
2019 Flying Cloud 27'
Georgetown, TX

Beverly Rex & Melissa Lockhart
2023 Basecamp 20'
Comfort, TX

Mark & Margie Moersen
2023 Globetrotter 27'
San Antonio, TX



BIRDING IN TEXAS

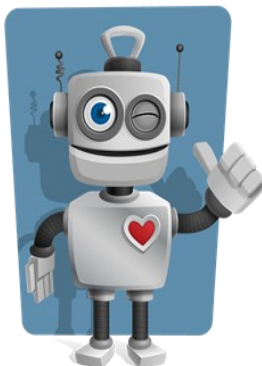
The Lone Star state is home to some of the most famous birding sites in the country. Here you can experience some of the most exciting spring migration in the country. Perhaps you will spot a Whooping Crane, Least Grebe, Green Jay, a Golden-cheeked Warbler or a Colima Warbler.

April and May allows birders to see South Texas specialties and migrants at the same time. It's possible to tally up over 100 species along the coast in a single day. Spring migration along the coast peaks approximately April 15th through May 10th.

Plan your birding trip in advance checking out the parking available. For site information visit the Audubon Society at <https://www.audubon.org/news/birding-texas>. Also check out the Texas State Parks Birding page at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/parks/things-to-do/state-park-birding>. Many state parks have bird blinds, offer birding checklists and sponsor birding events.

Top Ten Birding Sites: Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, Brazos Bend State Park, Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory, Mitchell Lake Audubon Center, Choke Canyon State Park, Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park, Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, Big Bend National Park

Birding Tips: Go before 9 a.m. before joggers, bikers and dogs disturb the birds. Dusk is also a good time to catch both daytime and nighttime birds. Dress comfortably in subdued shades of gray, brown, and green and completely avoid bright colors, especially white, which is a color birds most often associate with danger. Bring along a pair of binoculars or a camera with a distance lens. When you begin, scan the treetops, brushy undergrowth and shoreline for movement with your naked eye and listen for bird sounds. Carefully bring your binoculars to your eyes and look in the direction of the movement/sound. Don't forget to look up for birds in flight. For identification be sure to carry a field guide. You may also want to use a website or app such as AllAboutBirds.org, eBird.org and iNaturalist.org. Don't hesitate to ask other birders what they have seen in the area. Most of all, have fun!



Dear Rivet, Why is it so important to level my Airstream? Just A Littleoff

Good question! When your rig is level it keeps the doors working properly preventing them from jamming or opening when not expected. Also, most rigs have a gas/electric refrigerator which has a flame putting off heat and fumes. These can escape to the outside easily when all is level. Finally, most importantly, the sewer system is manufactured to be slightly tilted toward the outside of the rig making everything flow easily when draining out and away from the rig. Useful tools for leveling are a carpenter's level or bubble level. Also available is the LevelMatePRO leveling device and phone app.

Marketing & Membership

Peter Sajovich

Marketing / Membership Chairman

Last Saturday, the 28th we held a One Day, New Owner Workshop at South Shore Lake Bastrop. This was a new concept designed to compress our previous three day presentation into a one day event, while providing a beautiful weekend camping option for our attendees.

Attendees had the option of reserving their own campsites, or making hotel reservation or for those within close driving distance, driving in for the one day event.

The workshop turned out to be a BIG success thanks to the help of Brian & Nancy Powers. Brian & Nancy handled our BBQ Hamburger lunch and Brian did excellent job presenting the maintenance session.

We had participants from McKinney and the Woodlands as well as attendees from Austin and San Antonio.

Please contact me if you would like to volunteer for helping in future One Day Workshops at South Shore.
peter@homesofaustin.com. It's fun and very easy!





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 JANUARY 28TH, 2023

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

Number of adult attendees 1. ___ 2. ___ 3. ___

Name: First ___ Last ___ Birth Date: ___/___/___ First ___ Last ___ Birth Date: ___/___/___

Address: ___ City ___ State ___ Zip ___

Cell Phone: ___ Airstream Model: ___ Size: ___ Year: ___

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

Airstream of Austin (Camper since:)
Upon completing our form to: peter@homesofaustin.com and make payment via paypal, venmo or zelle.

NEW AIRSTREAM OWNER ONE DAY WORKSHOP

Saturday January 28th, 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.

AirstreamClub.org

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 38 RV campsites for Friday and Saturday nights. Reserve your site at:

<https://lcraparks.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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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 enjoy happy hour followed by a catered dinner from South Side Market.

Our last and final session after dinner will conclude around 8:30 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.



THLAC NEWS

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee presented the following amendments to the Unit Constitution of the Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club #172 to the THLAC Executive Committee for their approval. Having been approved, the Executive Committee will present these amendments to the Membership for their approval at the Spring Business Meeting scheduled during the April Rally. A ballot will be sent out to the membership via Constant Contact. Thanks to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee :Chair, Harvey Craig, Jean Beebe, Colin Melton, Mike Lovell, Darel Ball, Keith Ferry and Frank Steed.

Constitutional Amendment 1: Amend UNIT CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES, Sec. 1 by striking out the word “Unit” and inserting the designation “Club” and to further extend this rewording throughout the UNIT CONSTITUTION with the exception of ARTICLE I, Sec. 1.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Sec. 1 The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be:</p> <p>To furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Unit and thus afford fraternization for recreational vehicle owners.</p>	<p>Sec. 1 The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be:</p> <p>To furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Unit Club and thus afford fraternization for recreational vehicle owners.</p>	<p>Sec. 1 The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be:</p> <p>To furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Club and thus afford fraternization for recreational vehicle owners.</p>

Constitutional Amendment 2: Amend ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS, Sec. 5, by adding the words “or electronically to WBCCI”.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Sec. 5 Regular Members of another Unit may become Affiliate members in this Unit by an application to the Membership Committee and upon acceptance shall possess all the rights and privileges of the Unit except:</p> <p>The right to hold office in the Unit.</p> <p>The right to vote in the selection or election of officers in the Unit, Region or International or on any amendment to the Unit or the International Constitution.</p> <p>The right to vote on the dissolution of the Unit, consolidation of the Unit with one or more Units, or the merger of the Unit with another Unit.</p>	<p>Sec. 5 Regular Members of another Unit may become Affiliate members in this Unit by an application to the Membership Committee or electronically to WBCCI and upon acceptance shall possess all the rights and privileges of the Unit except:</p> <p>The right to hold office in the Unit.</p> <p>The right to vote in the selection or election of officers in the Unit, Region or International or on any amendment to the Unit or the International Constitution.</p> <p>The right to vote on the dissolution of the Unit, consolidation of the Unit with one or more Units, or the merger of the Unit with another Unit.</p>	<p>Sec. 5 Regular Members of another Unit may become Affiliate members in this Unit by an application to the Membership Committee or electronically to WBCCI and upon acceptance shall possess all the rights and privileges of the Unit except:</p> <p>The right to hold office in the Unit.</p> <p>The right to vote in the selection or election of officers in the Unit, Region or International or on any amendment to the Unit or the International Constitution.</p> <p>The right to vote on the dissolution of the Unit, consolidation of the Unit with one or more Units, or the merger of the Unit with another Unit.</p>

Rationale: To be in line with WBCCI means of becoming an Affiliate member of a local Club electronically.

Constitutional Amendment 3: Amend ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS, Sec. 8 by striking the current wording and replacing it with new wording.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p>Sec. 8 In those cases of co-ownership of a hard-sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., the rights and privileges of membership shall be deemed to include the spouses of such co-owners but collectively such co-owners shall possess one vote only except such co-owners who each pay International and Unit dues to this Unit shall each have one vote. A co-owner is defined as one of two WBCCI members who own a single Airstream Recreational Vehicle. Existing co-owners with more than two memberships on June 25, 2005, are not subject to this two membership limitation, as long as they maintain continuous membership in WBCCI.</p>	<p>Sec. 8 In those cases of co-ownership of a hard-sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., the rights and privileges of membership shall be deemed to include the spouses of such co-owners but collectively such co-owners shall possess one vote only except such co-owners who each pay International and Unit dues to this Unit shall each have one vote. A co-owner is defined as one of two WBCCI members who own a single Airstream Recreational Vehicle. Existing co-owners with more than two memberships on June 25, 2005, are not subject to this two membership limitation, as long as they maintain continuous membership in WBCCI.</p> <p>Sec. 8 An owner of an Airstream and his/her spouse/partner who join the Club as Regular Members will have one vote per person in the election of officers at the Club and International levels as well as amendments to their respective Constitutions.</p>	<p>Sec. 8 An owner of an Airstream and his/her spouse/partner who join the Club as Regular Members will have one vote per person in the election of officers at the Club and International levels as well as amendments to their respective Constitutions.</p>

Rationale: This aligns with the WBCCI Bylaws for membership rights and voting.

Amendment 4: Amend ARTICLE IV, OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION, by adding Sec. 6.

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	<p>Sec. 6. The Club may not have the offices of President, Recording Secretary, or Treasurer vacant; however, all other offices may be vacant if no Regular Club Member is willing to serve in that office.</p>	<p>Sec. 6. The Club may not have the offices of President, Recording Secretary, or Treasurer vacant; however, all other offices may be vacant if no Regular Club Member is willing to serve in that office.</p>

Constitutional Amendment 5: Amend ARTICLE VI, UNIT BUSINESS MEETINGS, Sec. 1 by striking the word “fifteen” and inserting the

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
Sec. 1 The annual business meeting of this organization shall be held during the fall in each calendar year. Additional business meetings may be held during any rally of the Unit, and also may be called at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The date, time, location and purpose of all Unit business meetings shall be announced to the members in writing at least fifteen days prior to the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at any business meeting shall be not less than fifteen percent of the membership.	Sec. 1 The annual business meeting of this organization shall be held during the fall in each calendar year. Additional business meetings may be held during any rally of the Unit, and also may be called at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The date, time, location and purpose of all Unit business meetings shall be announced to the members in writing at least fifteen days prior to the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at any business meeting shall be not less than fifteen ten percent of the membership.	Sec. 1 The annual business meeting of this organization shall be held during the fall in each calendar year. Additional business meetings may be held during any rally of the Unit, and also may be called at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The date, time, location and purpose of all Unit business meetings shall be announced to the members in writing at least fifteen days prior to the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at any business meeting shall be not less than ten percent of the membership.

Rationale: To be assured of a quorum to conduct business in a Club membership meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is seeking qualified volunteers to fill the offices of 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary and Two Year Trustee. Please consider putting your name or the name of another club member before the Nominating Committee to fill these offices. Our club has very supportive members willing to help our officers with planning and executing rallies, caravans and special events. We won't say there is no work involved because there is but the reward is worth it. Seeing that we continue with excellent leadership is important for the well being of our great club.

The qualifications require that officers be a regular member of THLAC.

Please contact Nominating Committee Chair, Steve Zeringue, to make a nomination or for more information.

Steve Zeringue gszeringue@gmail.com 281-900-9361

INTERNATIONAL RALLY



There are several THLAC members attending the 2023 Airstream International Rally in Rock Springs. If you are interested in rendezvousing in the Rawlings WY area on June 23 (for those who purchased one-day early entry) please contact Pam & Jim Dudley (703-798-0156) or Keith & Barbara Roberts (254-258-8100) for further information.”

If we enter together, we will be able to camp together.

Cordially,

Dudleys and Roberts

Region 9 News

Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9 President



Hope you are reaching the goal of 10 Units with 10 Rally participants each! Goal 100 for our Come and Stream It Rally in Gonzales. Let me know if you need any more information from me. A few have asked for clarification on host duties for the local club assignments. THLAC and Heart of Texas Camping Unit are assigned to volunteer on Thursday. Host duties may include taking out trash, returning supplies, preparing coffee, and driving the golf carts. All supplies are furnished and a Region 9 officer is in charge of each day. You will only assist. Please organize duty assignments as you see fit. There are at least two local clubs assigned per day so there'll be plenty of help.

The Region 9 Charity of Choice is Team Red, White & Blue. It is America's leading health and wellness community for veterans. Each local club is asked to gather donations which will be presented at the Rally on Saturday evening.



MISSION: ENRICHING VETERANS' LIVES

VISION: FORGING AMERICA'S LEADING HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY FOR VETERANS

In the military, service members push the limits of their well-being to support the mission. That selfless service posture has always been necessary because service members of every era knew they may be called to war. As they move into civilian life, many veterans carry that mission-first mindset with them, neglecting their health in the process.

We believe that veterans are America's most resilient citizens — and it's time for more veterans to prioritize their well-being first.

Team Red, White & Blue (Team RWB) exists to guide them through that journey with real-life and virtual opportunities focused on building a healthier lifestyle because a strong focus on mental and physical health is critical to ensuring veterans' best days are ahead.

More than 200,000 members are already forging the nation's leading health and wellness community for veterans. There are a number of ways to support the health and wellness of our nation's veterans. None of our work would be possible without the generosity of individuals and partners like you, who believe in the mission of Team RWB and its chapters: to enrich veterans' lives. Each donation helps sustain our organization and fund our chapters, programs, and events.

To learn more about TEAM RWB visit their website at <https://about.teamrwb.org>

West of the Pecos Caravan



Caravan R-2023-A Sponsored by Region 9

Start Date: October 30, 2023

Location: Concan, TX

Stop Date: November 14, 2023

Location Terlingua, TX

Total Number of Nights: 14

Number of Stops: 5

Volunteer Leaders: Brian and Nancy Powers #3009

[Texas Highland Lakes}

Cell Phone: Brian - 630-291-2862

Cell Phone Nancy - 630-215-4633

“There is no law west of Dodge and no God West of the Pecos.” This is an adventure we have been waiting to take with you. West Texas is amazing, brutal, desolate and a world-class area for geology. We will meet in Concan, TX, at the Frio River. After a day of exploring the area, we will have entertainment to kick off our West Texas adventure. Then to begin our historical journey, the most remote Texas State Park, Seminole Canyon and the Fate Bell Tour will introduce you to rock art dating back 4,000 years and a Judge Roy Bean Museum will show you the life of this colorful character. Because of the remote location, we will have a group cookout that night at our Airstreams to continue to get to know each other.

The next stop will be Davis Mountains State Park. Here we will explore hiking trails, Big Bend Museum at Sul Ross University (the map room is fantastic), lunch at the famous Reata Restaurant in Alpine and explore the beautiful murals painted on walls all over town. You can also go to Marfa and explore the art installations and we may be lucky to view the Marfa Lights. The Chihuahuan Desert Conservatory will show us flora and fauna of this magnificent desert that spans 193,783 square miles and is the largest in North America. One evening we will attend a Star Party at the McDonald Observatory. With the dark skies of this area, the observatory is in a perfect place.

We then push on to the jewel of the trip, Big Bend National Park. All 800,000 acres of this park are rich with a history of a 10,000-year-old archeological site and the Chisos Mountains. Hiking, biking, kayaking, heading to Mexico (bring your passports) for lunch in Boquillas, Mexico. The remote beauty of this national park is so special. I always say I come back with the Big Bend Glow.

Our final stop is back to civilization and the incomparable Maverick Ranch in Terlingua. As part of the Lajitas Golf Resort and Spa, you can see green grass! Not only that, you can play golf, kayak, take a float trip along the Rio Grande, zip line, and jeep rides and then spend the evening at the bar and restaurant. But wait, Terlingua also has the famous Starlight Theatre, where we will have dinner. The best pizza in Texas will be another evening at Long Draw Pizza. All this fun with Big Bend State Park and its 300,000 acres right next to us to enjoy. You have to take a road trip up Route 170 to see the rugged geology and view the Rio Grande River. There are also short hikes such as a slot canyon hike, hoodoo hike and many other options, including very long hikes and biking in the State Park. So join us as we ride into the Sunset off West Texas.



Come and Stream It in Gonzales, TX March 28 – April 2, 2023

Registration is open! You are invited to the JB Wells Expo Center in Gonzales, TX for some Region 9 good times. Gonzales is the birthplace of Texas Independence. This historic town nestled on the banks of the Guadalupe River offers many opportunities for kayaking or biking. Trails from the Expo Center lead to the river or the city park or to the golf course. Visit the “Come and Take It” cannon at the Gonzales Museum and let a storyteller recreate for you the stand-off between Santa Anna and the rebels. Join the boot scootin’ at the Margarita & BBQ Welcome Party. Visit nearby painted churches and the brewery home of Shiner Bock. Registration is for five nights with full hook-ups and 50-amp service. Join us for Steak Night and our second annual Chili Cook-off. Breakfast is offered every morning and the coffee is always brewing. There is something for everyone – Airstream 101 Clinic, Officer Training for local clubs, Caravan Leader Training, plus several cooking/baking clinics. You will have plenty of free time to plan your own adventures. Dust off those boots and buy yourself a new cowboy hat. This is a Region 9 Rally you cannot miss. Here is the link for registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/2023-region-9-rally>

And if you prefer a QR Code:



Hope to see you in Gonzales!
Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9 President

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To read more about the organization, click the link:
<https://www.about.teamrwb.org>

PARTY LINE and PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Peter & Carol Sajovich

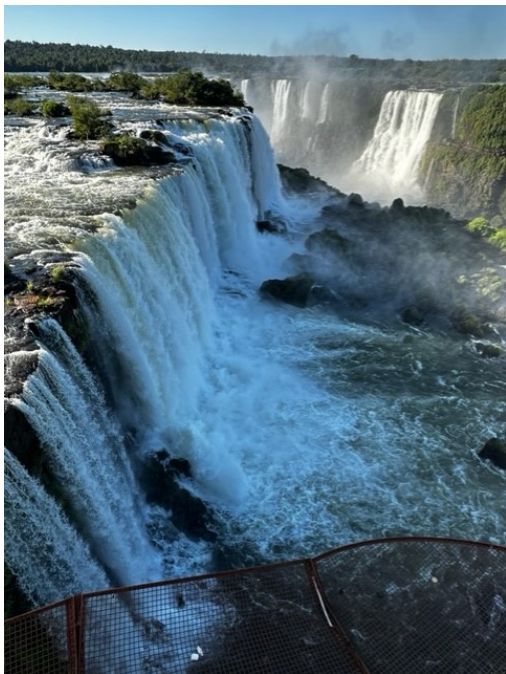
Just sailed through Magellan Strait and Beagle Channel to reach Ushuaia. It's 6:00 in the morning and the ship is trying to dock. Weather is 34 outside with 100% chance of rain this morning, clearing later with temps rising to 39 degrees. Fortunately we are here in the summer.

Good morning, we arrived home early because our seven day Machu Picchu tour was cancelled due to rioting in Peru. We still had a great time and extended our 33 day cruise to a total of 40 days. You guys need to put Antarctica and perhaps Iguazu Falls on your bucket list. The last photo isn't a cut and paste, I'm swimming in a Zero Edge Pool.



PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Peter & Carol Sajovich



Karen Kenagy

Our Guinea, Emmitt, has claimed our airstream as his own. If we walk out to it or around it, he comes running and stays by it until we leave. As we attach it to our truck, he will go stand either under or near the hitch. When we bring it home, he runs back and forth under it as we attempt to park it. We refer to it as “Emmitt’s Airstream.”



PARTY LINE *and* PRAYERS/CONCERNS

Craig & Mary Dowdy

Dear Airstream Friends,

Some of you may have noticed that Mary and I have let our membership in the Airstream community lapse. The past couple of years have been a strain on my health and mobility. I had back fusion surgery on my lower back in 2022 and has made me much more comfortable and mobile.

However, loading up a thirty foot classic Airstream and super duty truck does not seem to be in our future. The prospect of getting down the road and having to call the kids to come get us home did not appeal to Mary or myself.

In 2003 we purchased a beautiful, well kept, 1994 Classic Airstream and F250 diesel to tow with. We loved that rig. It never let us down or stranded us. It was in beautiful original condition and everything still worked.

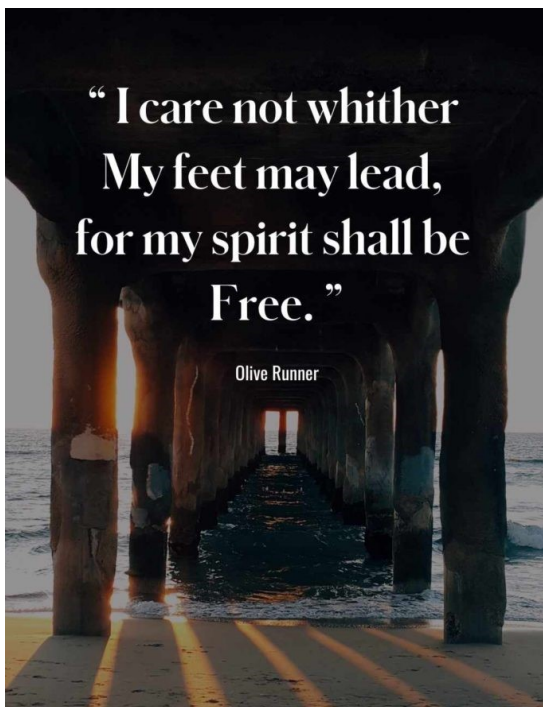
I drove 16 years without a scratch. Then famous last words, "Honey, I'm going go put the Airstream in the shed." "Do you need me to go with you?" "No, I can get it."

Several months ago a young couple (younger) came to see us and inquired about our interest in selling our Airstream. They are personal friends and in-law relations. He is a retired game warden. His wife still works and they have a boy at home. They like to camp and canoe and both enjoy the outdoors. I could not have picked a better home for our Airstream.

Mary and I enjoyed 19 yrs of Airstream travel and thoroughly enjoyed every adventure. God has blessed us. We still live in Pleasanton and all our children and grandchildren are close by and in our home frequently. Enjoying our family and watching it grow is what is important to us now. We have taken on the job of babysitting our three month old great granddaughter. Her mom has gone back to work and we keep the baby when our grandson is at work also.

Thank you for the years of friendship and adventures,

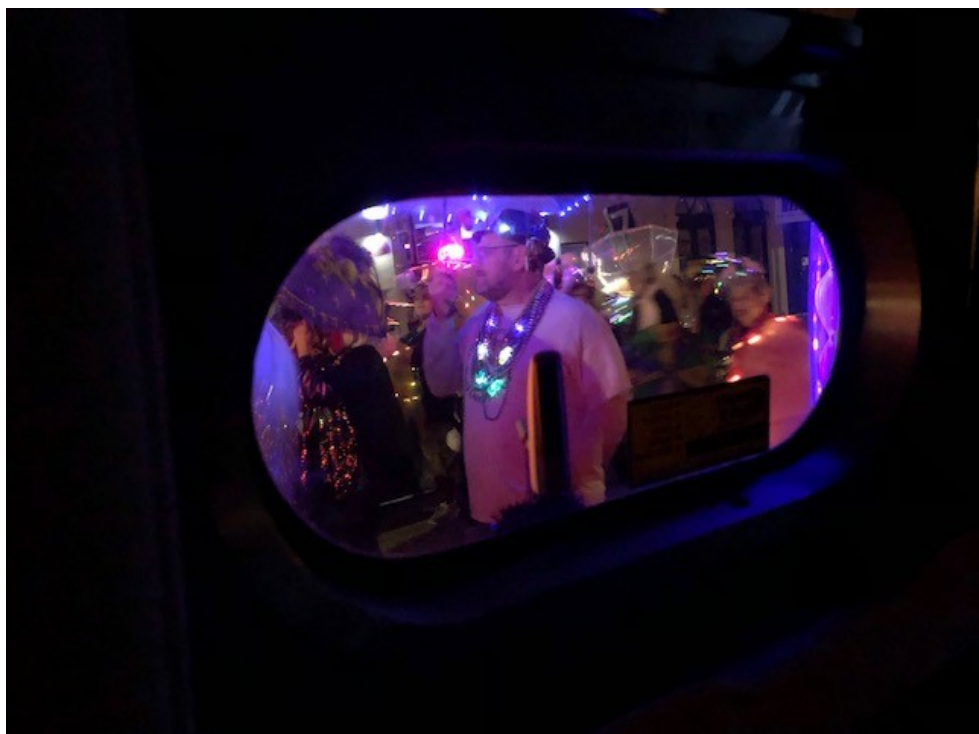
Craig and Mary Dowdy
#6086



Freedom by Olive Runner

Give me the long, straight road before me,
A clear, cold day with a nipping air,
Tall, bare trees to run on beside me,
A heart that is light and free from care.
Then let me go! — I care not whither
My feet may lead, for my spirit shall be
Free as the brook that flows to the river,
Free as the river that flows to the sea.







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.

2022 Flying Cloud 23 ft FQB

\$88,900

This was our first Airstream, purchased new in November of 2021. We loved it so much we purchased a larger Airstream trailer so we can take our grandchildren camping.

It is equipped with front queen bed, electric frig, instantaneous gas water heater, gas furnace and gas oven. Also includes a rear view camera, the factory solar package with dual AGM batteries and the full awning package. Microwave oven, Blue Ox weight distribution hitch, hoses etc are included.

Unit has always been stored under cover and is under factory warranty until mid November 2024 and extended warranty at any Airstream dealer for an additional two years.

Feel free to call me at 832-452-6699

William Crawford



Flamingo Flip

We have decided to sell our 2022 Globetrotter 27FB Twin and was wondering if you might know someone looking or could suggest the best place to list it for sale.

2022 Airstream Globetrotter 27FB Twin, Natural Elm / Barcelona Blue interior.
Used 4 times (mostly local), stored indoors.

Factory options include 2nd A/C with heat pump, solar, convection microwave

Blue OX Sway pro hitch included

Chevrolet TPMS sensors installed in tires

Snap Pads on all stabilizer jacks

RV LEVELERPRO

Sewer hoses, water hoses, chocks, level blocks and other items included

Thank you

Micky Shipman mshipman4@gmail.com

512 554-7803



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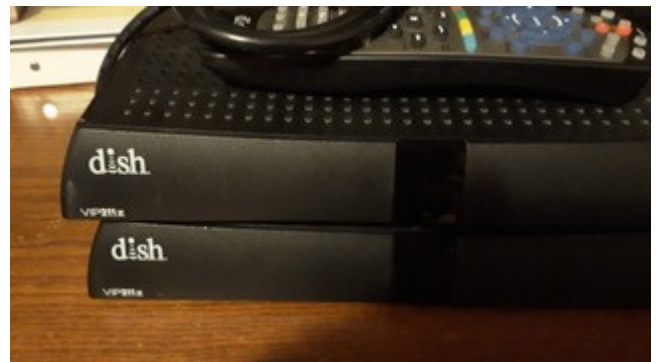
I need to sell this torque wrench. It's way too big for me to use. Someone else might need it. Excellent condition. \$100.

Thank you! Dawn Zack zcrow6@yahoo.com



Dish "Playmaker" Satellite Setup Complete with two VIP 211Z receivers and remotes. Everything works as it should. Price \$150.

Contact Rick Trimble at 214-298-1009 akk5bb@gmail.com.



Flamingo Flip

I have a Girard water heater from a 2021 Globetrotter that has a leak that is repairable with a replacement part. I'm happy to list it as a free item to anyone that may want it either to repair on their own or for replacement parts.

Malinda Buratti <burkoska@gmail.com>

Very clean vintage '85 32' Limited with twin beds. New upholstery, Cantwell custom mattresses, no carpet, Michelin tires. Have owned for 13 years, we are 3rd owner. Happy to send more pictures, please connect via phone or email. Joi Taylor: joibtaylor@gmail.com or 210-854-8438. Located in Evant, Texas



THLAC 2023 RALLYS

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
3/28 – 4/2 Tues – Sunday	Region 9 “Come Stream It” JB Wells Park, Gonzales, TX	THLAC Club Luncheon Sign up on Region 9 website
4/13 – 4/16 Thurs - Sunday	Crawfish & Shrimp Boil Fairfield Lake State Park Fairfield, Texas	Spring Business Meeting Te’Jun the Texas Cajun to cater Watch for email to sign up
5/3 – 5/8 Wed - Monday	Taste of Texas Guadalupe State Park Spring Branch, TX	Invited by: South East Camping Unit Contact: Kathy Carl 830 708-2235 Call Park for site - 830 438-2656 Turkey Loop Sites 38-85
5/18 – 5/21 Thurs - Sunday	Fruitcakes Rally Oak Park, Navarro Mills Lake, Purdon, Texas	Corsicana’s 175 th Anniversary & Tours Registration via Email in February
6/24 – 7/1	66 th International Rally Rock Springs, WY	Register @ airstreamclub.org
9/29 – 9/30 Fri-Saturday	The Range Ennis, Texas	View the Range website and Contact: info@therangevtr.com
10/12- 10/15 Thurs – Sunday	Weekend at Windy’s Cherokee, Texas	Electricity & Water and lots of fun Registration via Email this summer
10/30 – 11/13	West of the Pecos Caravan	Led by Nancy & Brian Powers Registration via Email February 1st
11/16 – 11/19 Thurs – Sunday	Installation Rally NTAC – Hillsboro	Fall Business Meeting Full hook-ups/plenty of sites Registration via Email this summer
11/30-12/3 Thurs-Sunday	Christmas Rally Buckhorn Lake Resort Kerrville, TX	Annual Christmas Auction *Registration in the Fall of 2023
2/15 – 2/19 2024	Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Lost Alaskan RV Park Alpine, Texas	Reserve Lost Alaskan RV Park space now Registration via Email this Fall



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