



# The Alamo Bugle

Texas Alamo Unit



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## Presidential Ponderings January 2024



### Displaying flags on your Airstream



As an Army Retired Command Sergeant Major, and 30 year Police Detective in our Nation's Capitol, I'm always proud to display our Nations colors as well as the great state of Texas flag on my rig. I have a three flag pole mount affixed to my rig. The third flag I display depends upon the event that I'm attending. I fly my Airstream flag for Airstream events and my Army retirement flag for all other events. I am perplexed when members display their U.S. flag at sun down without the flag being illuminated. There is guidance in the WBCCI Blue Book on the proper display of flags on Airstreams while attending Airstream Rallies.



The WBCCI Blue Book BYLAWS AND POLICY  
APPENDIX - #12  
PAGE - 1 ISSUED - 6/27/05

This gives guidance on the proper display of the United States flag as well as other nation's flags and proper displaying of flags on an Airstream.



President Rich Espinosa

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Birds of a feather have fun together! Roseann and Ben Young had fun celebrating Ben's birthday on a cruise out of Florida. Rich and Diane Espinosa joined in on the fun, too!



### ***TAU Board 2023-2024***

- President - Rich Espinosa
- 1st Vice President - AnnMarie Esparza
- 2nd Vice President - Jimmy Cook
- 3rd Vice President - Johnda Pugh
- Treasurer - Roseann Young
- Corresponding and Recording Secretary - Diane Espinosa
- 2 Year Trustees - Eldon Sheffer and Luke Brennecke
- 1 Year Trustees - Levoy Dell and George Taylor

### International Rally Call from Sue P.

Calling All TAU members that have registered for International in 2024.....do you want to caravan together to Missouri? Do you want to see some sights together? Give me a shout! Testing to see how many are interested. No need to contact me if you are not interested.....just saying. Happy Holidays!!!! Sue P.

**[TexasAgate@gmail.com](mailto:TexasAgate@gmail.com)**

# Rally Schedule. 2023-2024



**September 22-24** Roadrunner RV Park  
501 S Hwy 281, Johnson City 2023  
830-255-7650

**Oct 27-29, 2023** Mystic Quarry  
13190 FM 306 Canyon Lake, TX 78133  
POC Monica 830-964-3330

**Nov 23-26, 2023** Oakwood Resort  
FM 2093 Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
POC: Malinda 830-997-9817

**Dec 2023** NO RALLY

**Jan 26-28, 2024** Longhorn RV Resort  
12921 Camino Real Niederwald, TX 78640  
512-398-3677

**Feb 23-25, 2024** Parkview Riverside  
2561 Co Rd 350, Concan, TX 78838  
830-232-4006

**Mar 22-24, 2024** \*NEW DESTINATION TBD\*  
Miller Creek RV Park  
US-281 S  
Johnson City, TX 78636  
(830) 868-2655

**April 19-21, 2024** Patriot RV Park  
5784 US-90 ALT East Gonzales, TX 78629  
1 (830) 468-5709

**May 2-5, 2024 Region 9 Rally**  
Skyline Ranch RV Park  
2231 Hwy. 16N Bandera, TX 78003  
830-796-4958

**May 17-19, 2024** Lagoons RV Resort  
600 Enterprise Blvd Rockport, TX 78382  
361-729-7834

**Sept 27-29, 2024** Lake Buchanan  
1420 FM690, Burnet, TX 78611  
512-887-7410

## Weekend Schedule

### Thursday Early Arrivals:

4 pm Social Hour  
6 pm Potluck Dinner

### Friday:

4 pm Social Hour  
5 pm Opening Ceremonies  
6 pm Dinner

### Saturday

8:30 am Breakfast  
4:30 pm Pay Rally Fees  
5 pm Social Hour  
6 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Games

### Sunday

8:30 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Devotional







## JANUARY

02 Steven McConnell  
07 Gail Hall  
19 Warren Wundt  
23 Dottie Ulrich

## JANUARY

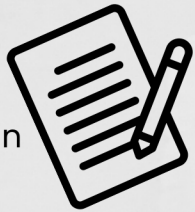
19 Kevin & Veronica Adams

Have we missed your birthday  
or anniversary? email:  
muffincamp@gmail.com and  
let her know



Q: Why are flamingos such  
good patients?

A: They're used to wading.



Do you have an idea for an article, interview, or something else you'd like to share with the club? I'd love to hear from you! The articles are all written by TAU members... like you! Submissions for the newsletter (including rally write-ups) should be emailed to Muffin (muffincamp@gmail.com)

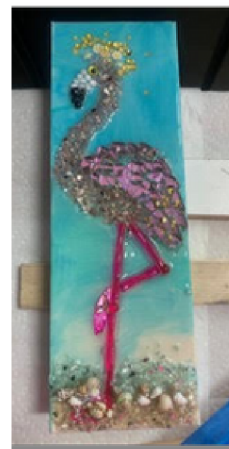


## Upcoming January Rally

January Rally will be here before we know it! I have volunteered to host the January Rally and need to pass on some fun things we have planned!

Saturday will be action packed! First off there is the chili cook off. We need all of our chili aficionados to cook us a pot of their best chili! Judging will be just before dinner and you will never believe what we will be having!!! CHILI! With all the fixings! Cornbread. Saltines. Cheese. Radishes. Onions. Sour Cream. Ketchup. And the list goes on.....and then there will be dessert!!

And if that was not enough I have arranged for us to do a wonderful flamingo craft! Glass, beads, and other assorted finds will allow us to create beautiful stained glass flamingos! Cost will be \$35 per person. And I will be providing some wine to get us going so bring your best flamingo glass and get creative!



~Sue Postlethwait

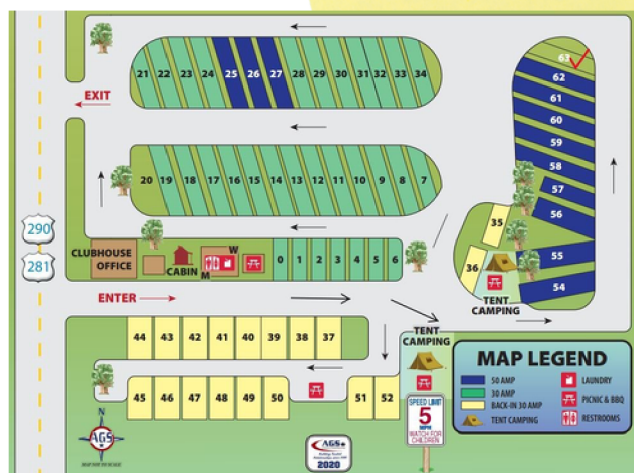
**Special Note  
from Rich  
re: March  
2024 Rally**

### New location of our March 22-24, 2024 rally:

Miller Creek RV Park  
US-281 S  
Johnson City, TX 78636

+1 (830) 868-2655

You can start making your reservation.



Happy Holidays!

As we look forward to the new year and start making plans for new adventures, I wanted to provide some reminders about the TAU schedule and making reservations.

January 26-28 @ Longhorn RV Resort (Niederwald)

\*\* featuring Saturday chili cook off, and optional glass art project (\$35 for supplies, be sure to email Susan Postlethwait that you're interested - TexasAgate@gmail.com)

512-398-3677

Also, sign up on the TAU site @ [January 2024 Rally Registration \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)

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TAU sign up will open February 1, 2024.

The RV parks seem to have a lot of turnover with the office staff. You many need to state you are with Rich Espinosa's group, if they don't have anything listed for Texas Alamo Unit, TAU or Airstream club. It is also better to call to make reservations, rather than to make reservations online.

Regards,

AnnMarie Esparza

Texas Alamo Unit

1st Vice President (2023-2024)

Morris and I try to make it to the beach (or to the Hill Country) each December just after Christmas. We love the break from our normal routine, and really who needs an excuse for an Airstream trip? We spent the last four weeks in a self imposed kitchen renovation that has taken some bad turn\$ if you know what I mean. The phrase "this is not up to code" has become commonplace to most contractors who darken our doorstep. Morris and I kept looking forward to the beach trip because at least we wouldn't be breathing in copious amounts of dust.

We made it on the road with some leftovers and our two pups in tow. Just outside of downtown San Antonio on I -37, Morris rolled down his window to see why the girl in the car on our left was wildly waving her arms. "You have smoke coming out of your back!" We quickly turned off the next exit. It wasn't a populated exit (like one with a gas station, etc) but the kind that take you instantly through the back ranching roads of south Texas. We were able to pull over and upon inspection weren't able to see anything, so we kept driving to find our way back onto the interstate.

Logic got the best of us so we searched for a nearby tire shop. We pulled in and upon assessment we were told our brake pads had worn down and were smoking. Backing the Airstream into the bay, we grabbed some lunch out of our camper and made do with our wait.

5 Star Review for  
**Discount Truck & Trailer**  
3222 East State Highway 97  
Pleasanton, Texas  
(830) 281-2448

We were super grateful for the provision to have our rig fixed (quickly I might add). We gleefully made it within 4 minutes of the cutoff arrival time of our destination of the beach!

While we weren't expecting the brake pads to go out, it was a good reminder to keep up on our maintenance and upkeep on our Airstream. We were also grateful for the food we had on board. (We normally stock up when we arrive after the fridge is set - IFYKYK). Because we were hooked up to the Airstream during its repair we were able to have a meal and some water at our stop (which was not in walking distance of anything). We've had our fair share of other issues on the road (flat tires, etc) and it pays to be prepared for the little bumps (or brakes) in the road.

In Port Aransas, a RV resort of 1,000 palm trees, heated pool and hot tub eased our mishap. We are looking forward to many Airstream trips, rallies, and less mishaps in 2024! See you on the road!

-Muffin and Morris Camp

