



## President's Message

Wow! Another month has gone by and Christmas is upon us. Let the snow fly in the northern states and keep us warm down here in Texas. It is always a great Christmas when Santa can get a sun tan in Texas. December is also a big month for membership renewals. ACI has about 9,500 rigs that will go through renewal this year and the magic behind the scene is very manual. All of the renewals must be completed by the end of the December so the membership directory is updated for the coming year. Thanks to everyone that completed their renewal early in the month of December and November. We are all working hard to ensure that your membership is rewarding and is something you will considering renewing in the future years.

We had a couple of unit events this December. The pop-up rally in Mason, TX was a success and had 8 rigs attend. Thanks to Ira and Terry Rush for being great rally hosts. We enjoyed some great wine tasting at the Parr tasting room, a tasty white and red chili dinner at camp and some excellent music from the Texmaniacs at The Odeon, an iconic venue in Mason. I never thought that music from an accordion was so entertaining. It looks like quite a few rally attendees have figured out how to boondock successfully.

The second THCU event was the annual Christmas luncheon at the Double Horn Brewery with 33 attendees. It was great visiting and getting to know folks we have seen throughout the year as well as those who are new to the group like Mike & Kathy Waligore and those who we see occasionally like Doug and Sheryl Wylie and Louis Hendricks and his daughter Marsha. Did you know that Louis Hendricjs has been with our unit for over 47 years? That's amazing. Finally, the elephant gift exchange was lively as always. See pictures in the newsletter. Allison had her gift was stolen twice and she ended up with a bottle of wine. We like wine so it was a win for us.

Our next rally will be our Coast Caravan between February 24 – March 2, 2024. We have 12 rigs signed up. We are open to have additional rigs attending this rally but the challenge will be getting into Mustang Island State Park as the park is all booked up. Let me know if you are interested in attending this rally and I can provide campground options near Mustang Island.

If you haven't seen on Facebook, the Region 9 rally in Bandera, TX is full with 105 rigs. They are currently taking reservations for the wait list. Allison and I have been so busy that we forgot to sign up and we have ended up on the wait list for the Region 9 rally. Do I have any takers to come and hang out with Allison and I in the wait list zone?

The September rally and 2024 Sedelia international caravan have been finalized and are available on page 10 of the newsletter.

Welcome to our new members Cheryl McCallum & Jaime Guarino and Joe Lochridge and new affiliate members Dean & Julie Lechtenberger, Kathleen & Robert Salazar, Tracy & Rick Elkins, Tim & Johanna Love, and Steven & Kristin Smith. Allison and I look forward to meeting each of you at a future rally.



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(pic taken at the Scentsy headquarters in Meridian, ID)

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Message from Region 9 Leadership:

Dear Airstream Friend,

The Region 9 leadership would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year!

We want to share with you some news and provide you with an attached Region 9 Brochure that introduces you to all the local clubs and contacts for our Region. We are sharing this brochure with our Airstream dealers in Region 9 and as many Airstream loyal vendors as we can to remind them of all the local clubs that support their business. We are rolling out several initiatives over the next year. One of these initiatives will be annual maintenance workshops led by fellow Airstreamers with Airstream-specific skill sets held at two Airstream communities in Texas - North Texas Airstream Club in Hillsboro and Texas Airstream Harbor in Zavalla. We also benefit from great workshops at our annual Region 9 Rally (details below).

Region 9 Bandera Bound Rally in Bandera TX - May 1-5, 2024 (See attached brochure for Rally Schedule)

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

We hope to see you down the road at a clinic and at the Region Rally.

Sincerely,

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**Thursday – May 2**

Skyline Rally Hall  
Blackstone Breakfast  
Region Board Meeting/Membership  
Club Leadership Training Meetings  
Airstream Maintenance Clinic  
Catered Lunch  
Airstream Clinic  
Presentations  
Happy Hour at Skyline Pavilion  
Bring It & Grill It at 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bar  
Sides & Drink Tickets Provided  
Music & Dancing Under the Stars

**Hosted by TAU & TGCU & NTxAC & ETLAU**

**Saturday – May 4**

Skyline Rally Hall  
Coffee & Donuts  
Explore Bandera  
Cowboys on Main/ Museum/Gun Fight  
Market Days /Vendors  
Lunch with Your Local Club  
Cooking Presentation  
Catered Dinner To Honor Club Leadership  
Closing Ceremony  
Western Flyers – Texas Swing Band  
**Hosted by Region 9 Leadership Team**

**Sunday – May 5**

Skyline Pavilion  
Cinco De Mayo Breakfast  
Clean-Up & Good-Byes & Departures  
**Hosted by Region 9 Executive Board**

**Region 9 Rally May 1 – 5, 2024**

Skyline Ranch RV Park & Cabins  
2231 Hwy. 16N  
Bandera, TX 78003

**Wednesday – May 1**

Skyline Rally Hall  
Welcome Packet Pick-Up/Registration  
Margarita Welcome Party!  
Welcome Ceremony  
8 Ft Pizza Party  
DJ Channing Fell  
Ice Cream Under the Stars  
**Hosted by THCU & GHAC & OASC**

**Friday – May 3**

Skyline Rally Hall  
Breakfast-To-Go  
Blood Drive  
Golf Scramble  
Biking/Walking/Kayaking /Games  
Lunch on Your Own  
Chili Cook-off Competition  
Biscuit on a Stick Presentation  
Trick Roping by US Cowboy Ambassador  
Ice Cream Social  
Film *Alumination*  
**Hosted by THLAC & HOTC & TPAC**

**Each local club is asked to gather donations for**

**Region 9 Charity of Choice  
Team Red, White & Blue  
In Support of Enriching Veteran Health**



Below are rally ideas for 2025. We need you to review the places and tell us what you would like to do. If you don't see a rally idea below that you are interested in, send that in as well.

Tell us your top 6 favorites by sending us the numbers associated with the town/park you would like to rally. For example, my (AllyE) top 6 are as follows: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8. They aren't in any order, but are the places I want to go even though all sound sooo fun!

Please send this info to Mike Green at tractor\_dude97@yahoo.com or Pat Green at patgreen601@gmail.com

1. **COTA (Circuits of the America), Austin/Bastrop TX** - This may be a boondocking rally. Dates and possible activities to be determined. There are a lot to do in Austin or Bastrop.
2. **San Marcos**—Return to Schatziland RV park which has full hookups. Possible late spring or early fall. There are numerous activities in San Marcos and New Braunfels such as the Natural bridge caverns or natural bridge wild life safari, etc . Within the park there is pickleball, a nice big pool, bocce ball, horseshoes, and sand volleyball. We can also play dominoes or sequence.
3. **Mason, TX** at the Mason RV Park which has full hookups. Mason, also has shows/concerts at the Odeon theatre, a few museums/sites to visit such as Fort Mckavitt, and there are several wineries or winebars around town.
4. **Lometa, TX (Boondocking) or Bend TX (Camping at Barefoot RV Park** which has partial hookups; electric/water with a dump station on site). Season to camp here is late March or early April. Barefoot park has access to the Colorado River frontage. Activities include canoeing, kayaking, whitebass fishing (rentals are available). For either location (Lometa or Bend), activities would include attending a Friday or Saturday nite concert at Bend general store, great catfish or shrimp dinner at Rockin K Cafe downtown Lometa, Lometa Diamondback Jubilee! Which is a small town festivity that includes snakes, a rodeo, parade, etc. There are also several places to do wine tasting at Fi-esta Winery and fishing at Bend State Park.
5. **Round Top or Brenham/Burton, TX** - Activities include a tour of the Blue Bell creamery (Yummy), shop the An-tique and Junk stores
6. **Kerrville/Hunt TX** Camping sometime in early summer. Activities include visiting/dancing at Criders Rodeo and Outdoor Dance Hall on saturday nite. It's a small town texas tradition!!
7. **Garner State Park** - Planned for late September or October. This park has partial hookups; electric/water with a dump station on site. This is a remote location with few activities other than those on the park which are hiking, tub-ing, and relaxing.
8. **Lubbock Texas** - Camping in the spring. This is a possible stopover point for a THCU rally enroute to the Region 9 rally. There are many activities/tours/museums in the area and include the wind museum, tractor museum, national ranching heritage center/museum, the Buddy Holly center, and many other museums/venues, and wineries and vine-yards.
9. **San Luis Pass** - Fishing sunning relaxing and eating TBD. Any suggestions/ideas would be greatly appreciated
10. **Georgetown TX**—Location, dates and activities to be determined. Any suggestions/ideas would be greatly ap-preciated

***Other activities that are planned for the year but are not rallies are:***

1. Mid year luncheon in early August 2025 to avoid 2025 International rally overlap in York , PA. Any suggestions?
2. Holiday luncheon in 2024 December. Any suggestions
3. 2025 International Rally - York Pennsylvania End of August
4. Region 9 rally sometime in the spring of 2024. Location and dates TBD.





THCU December Luncheon in Doublehorn Brewery, Marble Falls, TX in pictures.





## THCU 2024 Schedule

Date	Location	Comments
Feb 24-Mar 2	Tour of the TX Coast Rally	If you would like to attend part of this rally, review the additional notes for this rally on the next page. Contact Tim Ebbers for details if you are interested in joining us for all or part of this tour. Currently, there are 12 rigs attending this rally. Mustang Island State Park is completely full so if you are interested, you will need to book another park within the area or check Mustang Island SP for any cancellations.
April 6-9	Boondocking Eclipse Rally	This is a boondocking rally in Fredericksburg, TX. This boondocking rally is limited to the first 16 rigs to sign up.  See next page for additional details regarding this event.
May 1-5	Region 9 2024 Rally Bandera, TX	There are currently 105 rigs registered. They are currently taking waitlist names in case someone cancels.
June 27-30	Joint rally with GHAC Crockett Lakefront RV Resort Crockett, TX	This will be a joint rally with the Greater Houston Airstream Club. Contact Tim Ebbers if you are interested in attending this rally. Reservations with the park will need to be done by calling (936) 544-8466 and letting them know you are with the THCU GROUP. They are expecting us.
July	<no rally planned>	
August TBD	Luncheon TBD	
Aug29-Sept2 Labor Day Rally	Mother Neff State Park 1921 Park Road 14 Moody, TX 76557	This rally will start on Thursday and end on Monday (Labor Day). This state park has full hookups.
Sept 26—Oct 10	International @ Sedalia, MO	Dates reflect start of the caravan to the end of International.  See page 10 for details of the caravan.
November 07-10	Installation Rally Colorado Landing RV Park La Grange, TX	
December	TBD by incoming president	

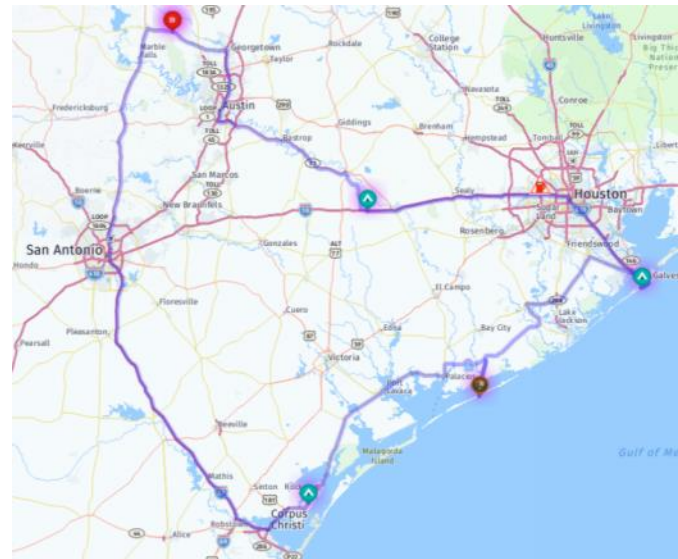




## Notes on a few of the THCU activities in 2024:

### Texas Coast Caravan (February 24—March 2, 2024)

- Coordinators: Ira & Terri Rush and Tim & Ally Ebbers
- This will be a mini caravan through three TX coastal towns starting at
  1. Iron Horse RV Resort in Weimer, TX. (Feb 24—1 night)
  2. Stella Mare Resort in Galveston, TX. (Feb 25-27 - 2 nights)
  3. Matagorda Bay Nature Park in Matagorda, TX. (Feb 27-29 - 2 nights) Sites 3-12
  4. Mustang Island State Park in Corpus Cristi, TX. (Feb 29-Mar 2 - 2 nights)
- If you are going to do all or part of this caravan, please let Tim Ebbers know at timberintx@gmail.com. He will send you the information for booking the sites for each park. Unfortunately each park has its own way of reserving. It is recommended to make your reservations as soon as possible (REALLY). These beach cities start filling up with monthly renters from the north.
- Mustang Island State Park is completely full so if you are interested, you will need to book another park within the area or check Mustang Island SP for any cancellations. Contact Tim Ebbers for camping suggestions in the area.



### Boondocking Eclipse Rally (April 6-9)

- Coordinators: Mike & Pat Green and Yvonne & Ed Michek
- If you plan on attending this rally, please let Tim Ebbers know by emailing him at timberintx@gmail.com. This rally is at the limit of 16 rigs, but we can put you on a waiting list if there is a cancellation. Due
- This rally will be boondocking in a cattle pasture. **Due to the location and season of the year, should there be rain before or during the rally, this rally will be cancelled.** We don't want y'all stuck with the bull in our wet pasture.
- Generators can be used as long as you are not annoying anyone else—human or bull.
- Our pasture (& home) is 9 miles east of Fredericksburg, just off Hwy 290. We are not in Fredericksburg.
- Fredericksburg has produced a lengthy [guide](#) to the eclipse. You can also access this at [www.eclipseinfbgtx.com](http://www.eclipseinfbgtx.com). The high points are:
  - a. The 'burg' will be filled to overflowing with eclipse chasers from all over the U.S.
  - b. Businesses will be slammed or will close down when they run out of supplies.
  - c. Come with a full tank of gas.
  - d. HEB is predicting they will run out of groceries before the weekend is over.
  - e. Traffic will be a booger—pack your patience.
  - f. On the above mentioned website, pay particular attention to pages 7 and 8.
- Additional information regarding activities, rally fees, and limitations will be published to the attendees as we get them.





**THCU Sedalia Bound Caravan (September 26-October 10, 2024)**

- Caravan dates are September 26—October 3, 2024. The stops on this rally include the following by date:
  1. Martin Creek Lake State Park in Tatum, TX—Sept 26-Sept 28—2 nights. Tim will make a group reservation for this park.
  2. Catherine’s Landing in Hot Springs, AR—Sept 28-Sept 30—2 nights.
  3. Cooper Creek Resort and Campground in Branson, MO—Sept 30-Oct 03—3 nights.
  4. We will caravan to Sedalia, MO on October 3rd. International officially starts on October 5 and runs through the 11th (check out is on Oct 11th).
  5. We are planning a trip back to TX via a different path through Oklahoma.

Additional information regarding the route with dates, number of nights and mileages

STOP	MI/HR	NIGHTS
1 Thu, 09/26/24 - Bertram, TX Bertram, TX, United States		
2 Thu, 09/26/24 - Tatum, TX Martin Creek Lake State Park	275 4:31	2
3 Sat, 09/28/24 - Hot Springs, AR Catherine's Landing	216 3:30	2
4 Mon, 09/30/24 - Branson, MO Cooper Creek Resort & Campground	222 4:12	3
5 Thu, 10/03/24 - Sedalia, MO Missouri State Fair Campground	156 2:48	8
6 Fri, 10/11/24 - Carthage, MO Big Red Barn RV Park	165 2:54	2
7 Sun, 10/13/24 - Norman, OK Lake Thunderbird State Park	271 4:42	2
8 Tue, 10/15/24 - Wichita Falls, TX Lake Arrowhead State Park	154 2:46	2
9 Thu, 10/17/24 - Dublin, TX Sowell Creek	155 2:29	2
10 Sat, 10/19/24 - Bertram, TX Bertram, TX, United States	117 1:52	

←--Good to go.

←--Subject to change

If you are interested in attending the caravan and/or joining us to head back to TX, contact Tim Ebberts at 512.786.6380 or timberintx@gmail.com for detailed information regarding making reservations at each park.

# Welcome!

We also have several members who have renewed. Thank you for choosing THCU! Join us our private Facebook group—[Texas Hill Country Unit](#)

## New Members:

- \* Joe Lochridge of Austin, TX
- \* Cheryl McCallum and Jaime Guarino of Houston, TX

## New Affiliate Members:

- \* Joseph (Dean) and Julie Lechtenberger of Georgetown, TX
- \* Kathleen and Robert Salazar of North Richland Hills, TX
- \* Tracy and Rick Elkins of Humble, TX
- \* Tim and Johanna Love of Burleson, TX
- \* Steven and Kristin Smith of Phoenix, AZ

## 2024 Elected THCU Officers

- ◆ President: Tim Ebbers
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Michael Green
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Susan Fegley
- ◆ Recording secretary: <open>
- ◆ Treasurer: Zephyr Marek
- ◆ 1 year director: Dave Toy
- ◆ 2 year director: Felicia Johnson
- ◆ Newsletter: Ally Ebbers
- ◆ Web Master: Brian Walker
- ◆ Past President: Bob Grimes



**Website:** <https://airstreamclub.org/TexasHillCountry>  
**THCU President:** timberintx@gmail.com  
**Facebook Page:** Texas Hill Country Unit





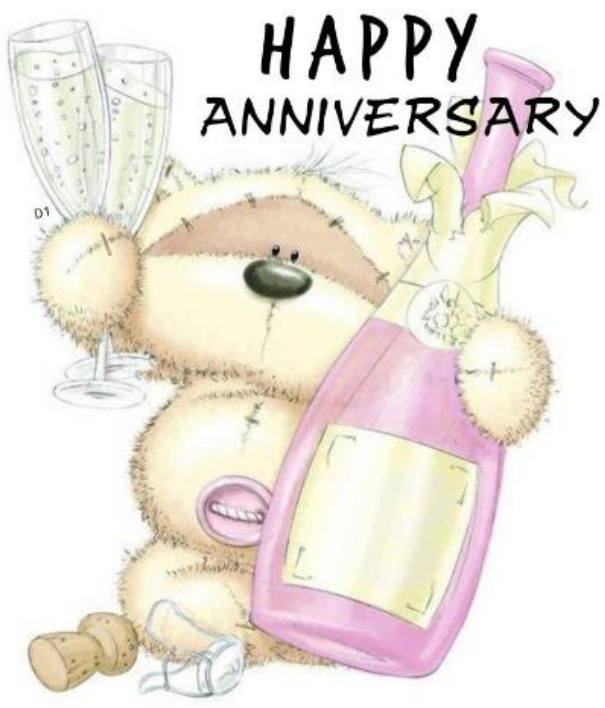
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**DECEMBER**

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

**January**

- 01 Roberto Del Bosque
- 09 Bonnie Stanley
- 11 Michael Green
- 27 Richard Fletcher
- 28 Sylvia Lemley



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



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## EZ Links

This page is dedicated to links you may want to access. These are links within AirstreamClub.org and other links you may find helpful. If you have a link or website you find helpful and would like to add to this, please send it to me at 0104@wbcci.net.

AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG— <https://airstreamclub.org/>

*Description: This is the mainsite for WBCCI Members. There are a few pages that do not require a log in, but most of the helpful links within these pages will require a log in. A log in can be created if you are a WBCCI Member.*

### **Helpful links within airstreamclub.org (log in is required)**

Courtesy Parking Directory— <https://airstreamclub.org/members/courtesy-parking-directory>

*Description: Have you ever wanted to mooch-dock? If you find yourself in a situation where you just need a place to park with no/minimal hookups, check out this least used benefit of being a WBCCI member. Let's use it! It would be a great way to meet other members across the United States AND Canada. Can I get a WHOOP WHOOP?*

Texas Hill Country Unit—<https://airstreamclub.org/texas-hill-country>

*Description: This is the official THCU site within airstreamclub.org. It has links to the Rallies for our unit, newsletters, and other THCU Information. Check it out.*

Blue Beret Magazine—<https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section/member-only-blue-beret-magazine>

2024 International Registration link (and information) - <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024>

Campfire chats—<https://airstreamclub.org/events/campfire-chats>

*Description: This page link includes all of the prior recorded campfire chats, any future campfire chat dates and time AND on the day of the campfire chat the link to the virtual meeting.*

WBCCI local rallies, events and national caravans—<https://airstreamclub.org/events>

*Description: If you want to check out and attend a rally outside of THCU rallies, check this out! If you want to attend another unit's rally it is proper etiquette to email the wagonmaster, event planner, or coordinator first prior to booking to ensure there is room for you to attend.—unless there are other registration instructions are listed for the event.*

### **Other Links**

THCU Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/267836193395602/>

*Description: This is a private facebook group for THCU members and friends of THCU.*

