



# East Texas Lakes Newsletter

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## **Rally Time**

What a great time at the Boulders. See below for details

Also, if you would be interested in a rally with Shelley's Vintage club at Tyler State Park Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, please send her an email to reserve a spot. She promises it is a great time.

If we have interest, we would like to plan an ETLU rally at Caddo Lake in November. Weather should be great and hopefully most of the bugs are gone, or at least tamed.

A lot of us thought it would be fun to have a ETLU Christmas Party. Not a rally, but just a fun gathering on a Saturday in December. If you would attend (or might) let us know.

## **Maintenance Minute**

If you own a newer Classic, you get to enjoy the benefits of 16" tires. The rest of us have 15" wheels with Goodyear Endurance tires from the factory (at least in the last 7-8 years). The Classic now have Michelin (was the LTX, not they are Agilis CC I understand). Tires are one of the most neglected, but most important features of our towing safety.

So we recently upgraded our wheels and tires to 16" on our 25' International.

Don't have a lot of miles to give everyone a good feel for the difference, but the first 100 miles are very positive since 50 of it was in the rain.

The wheels were ordered from Discount Tire and they are the same SenDel brand wheels that Airstream uses. We chose a slightly different look that the Classic wheel. The tires are Michelin LT225/75 R16 Agilis Cross Climates. We ordered them from Michelin on the Airstream Club discount. Ordering tires on the club discount saved over \$400, so it is a very good deal and I would encourage everyone to use that discount with Michelin. They have most of the tires you need for your tow vehicle as well. Discount Tire will mount and balance them for the sale \$22 they charge for their own tires.



Side by side comparison (old on the left, new on the right).



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Here is the comparison for sizes. The 16" tires only at about 1" of height and they fit fine. No problems and interference was noticed and no one on the forums has ever said anything about it.



Final install and shined up.

If you have any questions about the process, send Doug an email.

## **New Members**

We have a couple new members this month. Please Welcome Hunter and Allison Chaumont from Tyler as new members. Also, affiliate members Charles "Rich" and Theresa Haworth from Bullard have joined the ETLU. Welcome to our growing list of rigs!

## **People Profile**

Charlotte Gish profile coming next month. You do not want to miss this. She

is one of amazing single ladies of ETLU traveling solo.

## **Social Media**

Don't forget to follow ETLU on social media. The sites are up and running:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EastTexasLakesAirstream/>

Instagram: east\_tx\_lakes\_ac

Airstream Website:

<https://airstreamclub.org/east-texaslakes>

## **Who's going where?**

Send your travel plans to the Unit Gmail address by the 15th to be included in that month's newsletter.

The Towns's Trip Calendar:

- 5/5 Purtis Creek State Park
- 6/2 Lake Ray Roberts State Park
- 8/24 Lake Mineral Wells SP
- 9/8 Dinosaur Valley State Park

Join us if you can. Please send if your trip schedule and see if any ETLU folks can join you.

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## Trip Diary

We just wrapped up the Rally at The Boulders. ETLU was represented by Gina Smith (and Turbo), The Battles, The Towns, Shelley Tumino (plus Zooey and Daisy), Steve Wyatt and Debbie Lightel, the Towns plus our affiliate members, the Pappas, from North Texas.

The weather Thursday was a bit dicey to say the least. Tornadoes touched down in Tyler and most of us came in on Friday. Friday and Saturday were beautiful and Lake Tyler was a fantastic back drop of for the Rally.

The Boulders is a very nice location. Most of our events were in the Conference Center and it is a man's dream cave. Pool Table, Shuffle Board Table, bar, big screen TV, and plenty of couches and chairs to relax. All while looking out over the lake. The campsites are all concrete with a nice fire pit and picnic table.

We enjoyed a pizza buffet from Bruno's on Friday night, and potluck Mexican dinner on Saturday. Our own Ron (not Tim) Battles took home the trophy for billiards and we all had a really great time getting acquainted and sitting around the camp fire.

## East Texas Lakes Pets

Next month we are featuring Turbo.



## Repairs Needed

At the meeting we had a long discussion on reputable repair services. If you have a good (or bad) experience let us know and we will publish it for everyone.

Shelley recommends American RV Restoration in Longview. You can reach Ethan Langley at (903) 918-8581.

We have used Tim Edwards in Yantis, TX for a couple things. He is a certified electrician as well as a mobile RV tech. His number is (903) 456-2932. His work was great and was very honest with us on his work.

**Hawley Towns – Newsletter  
Coordinator**

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