



East Texas Lakes Newsletter

Rally Time

We are confirmed at Caddo Lake State Park for December 1-3. This will be a new officer installation as well. **If you have not done so, please email Shelley for a reservation on our booking. We will settle up the charges later, but will not be much more than the nightly State Park Fees (we may add some meals, etc).**



If you have any ideas for a future Social, please let us know. Any good place for cocktail, brews and food is a good candidate. We are still on for trying to do Athens Brewery this month. Maybe next weekend???

If the unit ladies would like to schedule something, I know we have a lot of social butterflies that may want to get together for a ladies get together. Email Hawley or Shelley. Shelley is also wanting to do a Ladies Rally. If interested let her know.

Maintenance Minute

If you are like most Airstreamers, you always want to take care of your rig as best you can. We actually have one of the best resources right here in our backyard with National RV Training Academy. They are located in Athens, TX and offer everything from full-time tech training to owner training.

What I find helpful is the 2-Minute Tech Tip Tuesday YouTube video.

Link: [\(1\) Must watch content for RV Beginners - YouTube](#)

They have also started an online training class that could very well be what you are looking for to improve your RV maintenance capabilities.

I have been using regular crush-type terminal connectors for years. However, I have seen so many people convert to Wago connectors that I decided to give them a shot. I installed a new thermostat in our home and needed to add a c-wire loop. I had ordered an assortment box of Wagos so I decided to give them a shot (after wire nuts failed).

These things are truly fantastic. They are super easy to use, very secure and a breeze to undo in you need to add

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connections. Everyone should carry a few of these in their onboard tool and parts kit. An assortment of connectors can be found at Amazon from \$15-30.



New Members

We have several new members this month. Please welcome Melissa and Daniel Mullins from Mendenhall, MS, Rex and Ann Nix from Zavalla, TX and Ernie and Becky Burkett from Heath, TX. Great to see our numbers growing and adding the new rigs to our small, but *mighty*, unit.

People Profile

No volunteers this month. Send your short bio to the unit Gmail account. We all want to know more about our members.

East Texas Lakes Pet Profile

Gus (Big Guy) and Bruno (Not as Big Guy) belong to Hawley and Doug Towns.



Gus was rescued off the streets of Frisco, TX and is 3 years old. Bruno was rescued from Kilgore, TX and is a few months older than Gus. We believe Gus is some kind of Mastiff Mix (110 lbs before breakfast) and Bruno is some sort of Black Mouth Cur and about 50 lbs. These two are a bonded pair since they were both puppies when we adopted them. They fight like bothers, but if you separate them for 10 minutes they act like they have been apart for month when reunited.

They both enjoy a good squirrel chase in the back yard, long walks (or even short ones), treats for no reason, and the occasional cocktail of ice cream. When hot, Gus can be found lounging in the pool. Bruno secures the perimeter and

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let's all living things know where he resides. Gus then joins along to give a more baritone warning.



They do not travel with us yet. But we maybe someday when the final bit of puppy energy is gone. Until then they will have to see the world on trips to Tyler State Park for a hike.

If you don't have a rescue dog (or cat), you are really missing out. These animals are amazing pets and give you more love than we deserve.

Please send us your pet profiles. I think they are more popular than anything in the newsletter. **No volunteers for next month yet...**

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:

- 8/24 Lake Mineral Wells SP – cancelling since it will be 108F all weekend...
- 9/8 Dinosaur Valley State Park
- 10/27 Off to Central Texas with stays at Inks Lake SP, McKinney Falls SP and Mother Neff SP.
- ETLU Rally in Caddo Lake State Park.

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

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Trip Diary

We have not been out since late May due to weather and travel plans that do not involve an Airstream. We will be back in September to report on Dinosaur Valley State Park.

In the meantime, Hawley is in a group of “Ladies Who Hike.” They did an overnight campout (with tents, no RVs) on Lake Ouachita in Arkansas in August. They survived a thunderstorm and winds as they kayaked and set up camp on a lake island. Be sure to ask her about it and let her know if you would like to join or go along.

Officer Needs

In December we will be electing officers. If there is any interest, these are the positions available (all of them):

- President
- 1st VP
- 2nd VP
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Newsletter Chair
- Social Media Chair
- Membership Chair.

It would be nice if we had a Rally Coordinator as well. If you are interested in any of these roles, please send an email to the Unit Gmail address.

In Other News

If you have a good service provider, please send it to us. We would like to let other members know who they can trust.

Also, *still* trying to get birthdays and anniversaries. If you have not already sent them to me, please do so we can all celebrate with you.

Don't forget to give Shelley a heads up if you can make a Caddo Lake Rally in early December. We have a couple spots left and can get more if needed.

Hawley Towns – Newsletter
Coordinator