



East Texas Lakes Newsletter

Rally Time

Please do not miss the sign up for our next rally. The ETLU will be doing a buddy rally with North Texas April 21-23 at the Boulders on Lake Tyler. Please call Venita Peacock with The Boulders at (903) 520-9001 to schedule. **Do not** call the main campground office number and do not book online. Cancellation Policy for RV sites prior to 72 hours is a \$25 cancellation fee. Less than 72 hours there is no refund. If you must cancel, please call Venita at (903)520-9001 to cancel and then call Maribeth, Rally Host at 214-566-1210 so she can put another member in your spot.

Maintenance Minute

Are you using a ½ ton truck to pull your rig or do you notice that your tow vehicle (even a ¾ or 1 ton) sags a bit in the back? It is a problem many of us face. For about a year now we have tried a product called the Road Active Suspension for my F-150. This system is essentially a coil spring that fits over the leaf springs on your truck (sorry only works with leaf spring TVs). You can adjust the length of the springs to give you the ride and height you want.

The manufacturer claim the springs also help with ride stability. I have noticed some improvement there with no payload in the bed. However, we have

ours set up with the heavy-duty setting for the 25 foot International and it did reduce our sag but about 1.5”.



You can read more about this product at www.activesuspension.com. This is a cheaper solution than air bags and new leaf springs if you are trying to control rear end sag and it is easy to install. One person can do it in less than an hour if you are even a little bit mechanical.

New Members

No new members this month. When you are out camping, hand out those cards and spread the word about East Texas Lakes.

People Profile

No volunteers this month. Please send us a short bio so we can send it out next month in the newsletter. Let members know who you are!



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Social Media Update

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

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

[TexasLakesAirstream/](https://www.instagram.com/east_tx_lakes_ac)

Instagram: east_tx_lakes_ac

Airstream Website:

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

Everyone should have received their stickers and cards. If not, drop me a line and I will get them to you.

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:

- 3/17 Cap Rock Canyon SP
- 3/20 Palo Duro Canyon SP
- 4/21 Lake Tyler Rally
- 5/5 Purtil Creek State Park

Join us if you can.

Trip Diary

We stayed at North Toledo Bend State Park not far from Many, LA earlier this month. This is a very nice Louisiana State Park at the south end of Toledo Bend

Reservoir. Believe it or not, only 3 of the 60 spaces were occupied.

The park is being refurbished and the campsites are mostly done. They are level side-to-side, but do have some grade front-to-back. All sites have water and electric (30 and 50A), but no sewers.

When the park is finished with all the projects, there will be 12 miles of hiking trails and 36 holes of Frisbee golf through the woods. This park already has a very nice swimming pool (yes a pool) and plenty of shore and dock fishing. If you cannot disconnect from the world, they also have park-wide Wi-Fi (although it was not working on our trip). This could be a fantastic rally site for ETLU!

Where are you headed? If you are staying in East Texas (or anywhere else), make sure you post pictures and show us what great places you are Airstreaming. Better yet send us your short trip diary and we will put it in the Newsletter.

News

Sadly Fairfield Lake State Park is closing on February 28th. We had to cancel a trip last year to the park and are sad we will never see it.

**Hawley Towns – Newsletter
Coordinator**

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